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Holy Cross to become 4-year institution

By TERESA FRALISH
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Holy Cross College's bachelor of arts degree program is set to debut this fall, a change that will transform the school from a two-year junior college to a four-year academic institution.

"Holy Cross will still provide the associate of arts degree to serve students who want to transfer to other institutions, but the baccalaureate program now furthers our founding as a liberal arts college," said William Mangan, the College's vice president for academic affairs. "We are now working with prospective students who are thinking about coming to Holy Cross College expressly for the baccalaureate program," he said.

The College, with a current enroll-

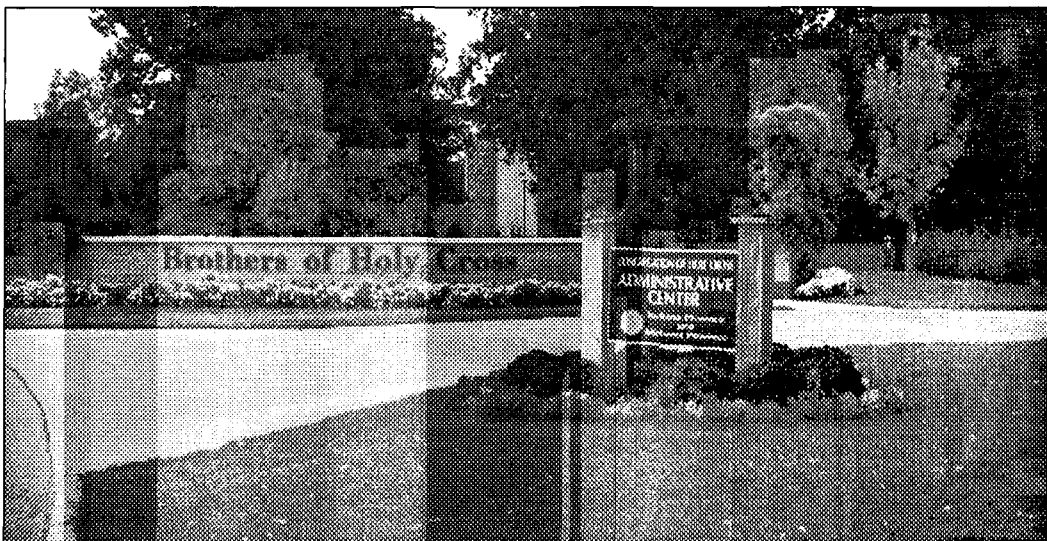
ment of about 500 students, chose to initiate the new four-year program as part of its mission as a liberal arts college and hopes that the school can develop new ties with Notre Dame and Saint Mary's, said Mangan.

The College was founded in 1966 and previously offered students an associate degree with a focus on transferring to a four-year institution.

Mangan said the College would complete the admissions process for the new program over the summer and final admission numbers would be calculated then. Accepted students, who have already received an associate degree, have until May 1 to accept the College's offer.

The degree program is fully

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FILE PHOTO/The Observer

Beginning next fall, Holy Cross College will offer a four-year baccalaureate program. The campus currently accommodates 500 students seeking their associate degrees. The associate degree program will continue as well.

CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

New parietals proposal fails

By JOE TROMBELLO
News Writer

Members of the Campus Life Council met Monday for the final time this academic year to discuss a Senate resolution for the extension of parietal hours.

Siegfried Hall Senator Rick Harris presented the resolution, which called for the extension of parietals until 1 a.m. on weekdays to provide students with additional time for group study. After much debate, the resolution failed 9-7; resolutions require a 2/3 majority to pass as a recommendation to Father Mark Poorman, vice president of Student Affairs.

Harris said that most students worked on homework from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. and that the current parietal time of midnight hindered students' ability to work collaboratively on projects and presentations.

Harris also stressed the importance of the preservation of quiet hours, which would remain at midnight, in order to keep the noise in the dorms at a reasonable level. Harris said that quiet hours are currently not strictly observed in most dorms.

"Along with the discussion on the issue of parietal extension, we'll put the focus back on quiet hours," he said.

Rectors expressed concern at the strain that an additional hour of parietals would put on residence hall staff such as resident assistants and rectors.

"We have to be aware of the staff," said Brother Jerome Meyer, Knott Hall rector. "They do a lot that people are not aware of ... they are dealing with emotional, psychological and family problems [faced by hall residents]. I see a value to parietals from a staff point of view."

Students commented that if parietals were to be extended, future RAs would realize the time commitment before applying for the job.

"That is just something that people go into the job knowing if it's on the job description," said Trip Foley, former student body vice president.

Although students cited statistics from a 2001 survey in which 80 percent of over 3,000 students surveyed responded favorably to the extension of parietals, rectors questioned

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Lay rectors more prevalent in hall staff

By KEVIN ALLEN
News Writer

According to the Office of Residence Life and Housing, spiritual development is one of the keystones to life in Notre Dame's residence halls. Therefore, one would think that the Office would make a top priority of placing clergy members in halls as rectors.

But not every dorm on campus has rectors and other hall residents who are clerics. Sister Jean Lenz, assistant vice president of Student Affairs, said that does not mean that spiritual life in those halls suffers, or that filling rector positions with clergy members is even a goal for the Office.

"It is a goal to find people who have a good pastoral background," Lenz said. "We look at that very carefully."

Out of the 27 rector positions on campus, Holy Cross priests, brothers

and sisters currently fill 19. Two of the lay rectors are in male dorms and six are in female dorms. Those two men's dorms have priests in residence, but four of the six women's dorms do not have any clergy members who live in the halls.

This disparity between men's and women's dorms is partly due to the fact that there are more priests than sisters on campus. But Lenz also cites University tradition and a lack of available apartments in the dorms as other reasons.

"There was never a custom from the time women came to Notre Dame for a chaplain to live in the women's halls," said Lenz. "That hasn't been a continual practice."

Newer halls, such as McGlinn and Welsh Family, have the available apartments for chaplains, she said. Both of those halls have priests that live in the dorms.

Lenz said the priests on campus are very attentive to and actively

participate in the spiritual life of both men's and women's halls, even if they do not live there. She also pointed out that no hall is a closed community and that all dorms invite non-resident priests into the hall to say Mass and to help with other spiritual affairs.

Lenz also noted the monumental contributions of laity on campus, both inside and outside the halls.

"There are a lot more trained lay people to address the spiritual needs of people than ever before," said Lenz. She specifically mentioned the accomplishments of Campus Ministry, which is made up of clerics and laypersons and organizes retreats, the RCIA program, musical training and other services.

"Campus Ministry offers so much support to the spiritual life of campus," Lenz said.

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Local hotels filling up fast for graduation

By HIMANSHU KOTHARI
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With graduation only three weeks away, hotels in the South Bend and Mishawaka area are reporting full occupancy for that weekend. While this is not true for all hotels, most are optimistic that the housing the University provides on-campus will not be enough.

"We still have 20 rooms available, but we usually sell out and this time, too, we will probably sell out before graduation, but we are still taking reservations," said Kathy Hoban, manager at the Holiday Inn in South Bend.

The Holiday Inn is offering a rate of \$159.95 plus tax for its double rooms, with a mandatory minimum of two nights stay.

Among the hotels that were already booked to capacity, the Inn at Saint Mary's and the Jamison Inn

give priority to people who have already spent a night at the hotel.

"If they stayed [Junior Parents Weekend] of 2003, then they would be placed in a lottery for rooms the next year," said Jane Bella, manager of Jamison Inn, which is adjacent to the University campus.

While giving priority to parents who stayed during JPW is something new for the Jamison, the Inn at Saint Mary's makes this a mandatory condition.

"In order to get a room for graduation, [the customer] must stay for JPW as well," said Ryan Holman, guest service representative.

Another hotel that has reported full occupancy is the all-suite Comfort Suites. The hotel did not offer any discounts for graduation but honors A.A.R.P. discounts, said Trish Stewart, manager of the Comfort Suite.

The Morris Inn does not offer rooms to the public during

Commencement as the University gives the hotel a guest list for the weekend of graduation.

Other hotels still have vacancy for the weekend.

The Boulevard Inn and Bistro is offering family packages and has rooms starting at \$145 plus tax for a "city-wide" suite and \$165 plus tax for a suite facing the harbor.

A more expensive option is the Marriott in downtown South Bend.

"Rooms are \$299 plus taxes and are non-refundable, non-returnable and non-cancelable and the rate must be fully prepaid with a credit card for the duration of stay," said Allison Merrick, manager at the Marriott.

A cheaper option is also available at the Days Inn, which has close to 30 doubles available and is offering a flat rate of \$140 plus taxes.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Freshmen lessons

I slouch in my seat in Calculus, gazing absentmindedly at the abstract streaks of dry-erase that mean so much to the roomful of students around me and think about how badly I want to get out of my favorite place in the world.

Claire Heininger

Wire Editor

"The first year is the hardest," they all told me. My cousin Colleen, class of 1999. The Howard Hall Frosh-O staff. My parents. My advisers. They all said the same thing — that once I made it through my freshman year at Notre Dame, the last three years would seem easy in comparison. I spent all of first semester waiting for the hard part.

Orientation and the first few weeks were a blur of stir-fry and SYRs, late night bonding and early-morning lake runs. Classes were easy, football season was in full swing and college was fun. Even as the golden autumn turned into gray November, I still loved every minute. I wondered when the hard part would arrive.

December was, looking back, the last month of innocence. We dressed up in miniskirts and neon for the Dillon '80s dance and frosted cookies that disappeared within 20 minutes of being set in the third-floor hallway. We had wine and a "tailgate bagel" on study days, people-watched in CoMo while avoiding cramming for finals and felt invincible when we did well anyway. My Texas and Tennessee roommates greeted the first snowy morning with awe. We exchanged teary hugs as they flew south and I drove north for vacation.

Maybe I romanticized it too much over break, proudly showing my state-school friends pictures of the Howard Hoedown and rushing the field at the Michigan game. Maybe I raised my own expectations as I gushed to my relatives, sounding like a brochure without trying. I returned to campus on top of the world.

Reality hit. At the end of January, I received a minor in a tavern ticket. Two months later, I owed my parents more money than I could be proud of, struggled to complete my community service hours, and wondered when I became a person who got into trouble. I realized that it took more than reading about life outside the Notre Dame bubble to understand it, and I realized, as I painted dilapidated kitchens and cleaned dog kennels, that perspective is the hardest thing to gain.

Each minute of math class drags on toward the end of the day, and each day drags on toward next Wednesday. We will finish packing and close the door of the quint that has hosted so many disastrous parties, emotional outbursts and deep conversations relieved with both hilarious and heartfelt advice. I'm ready to close the door on my freshman year. But next semester, I'll be excitedly — and realistically — ready to come back.

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CAMPUS NEWS	WORLD & NATION	BUSINESS NEWS	VIEWPOINT	SCENE	SPORTS
SMC board discusses plan for new apartments	Tests cast doubt on possible chemical weapons	Regulators announce record settlement	Figuring out how to say goodbye	Radiohead's new album leaked to Internet	Curtin comes clean
Saint Mary's Board of Governance debated the possible designs and regulations for newly approved student apartments on campus.	A metal drum found in northern Iraq that initially tested positive for nerve agents might instead contain rocket fuel.	Ten Wall Street investment firms will pay \$1.4 billion and adopt reforms in an unprecedented industry-wide settlement.	Viewpoint columnist Joanna Mikulski reflects on graduation after her prom themed party this weekend.	Rumors of a secret version of the band's sixth album have been circulating.	Former Notre Dame offensive tackle Brennan Curtin admitted he was suspended from the Gator Bowl for asking a teammate to take a drug test on his behalf.
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WHAT'S HAPPENING @ ND

- ◆ "Ire in Ireland: Enraged and Engaged" Lecture 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at Flanner Hall, Room 424
- ◆ Preemptive Peace Rally 5 to 7 p.m. at North Quad and Fieldhouse Mall
- ◆ Holocaust Remembrance Day Ecumenical Prayer Service 8:30 to 9:15 p.m. at the Farley Hall Chapel

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SMC

- ◆ Contemporary Drama Reading 4:30 p.m. at Dining Hall, President's Dining Room
- ◆ ECDC Staff Meeting 6 p.m. at Ilavican, Room 20
- ◆ Minority Women in Business Development Council 6:30 p.m. at Madeleva Hall, Room 247-S

WHAT'S GOING DOWN

NDSP tows 10 student, 2 employee cars
Police towed 10 student cars Thursday and Friday from various campus locations including the stadium, bookstore parking lot, library parking lot, Stepan Center, McKenna Hall, Alumni Hall and Main Circle. Two employee cars were also towed for parking violations at Health Services and South Dining Hall.

Vacuum damaged in act of vandalism
A University employee reported vandalism to a vacuum cleaner in Alumni Hall Saturday. The case is pending and there are no suspects.

NDSP issues multiple liquor violations
NDSP issued University citations for liquor law violations including: minor in possession, consumption of alcohol, failure to produce identification upon request, urinating in public, public intoxication and possession of a keg in campus parking lots Saturday.
A student was arrested Sunday at the Joyce Center for consuming alcohol as a minor and public intoxication.
NDSP also responded to the report of an intoxicated student in Dillon Hall Sunday morning. The student was transported to St. Joseph Medical Center by ambulance for treatment.
The cases have been referred for administrative review.

- compiled from the NDSP crime blotter

WHAT'S COOKING

North Dining Hall

Today's Lunch: Vegetable lasagna, Italian sausage marinara, four-cheese pizza, cherry turnover, southern-fried chicken, au gratin potatoes, cherry crisp, baked Cajun pollock, Italian rice pilaf, sliced carrots, Italian-blend vegetables, Swiss oatmeal, bacon, scrambled eggs, buttermilk pancakes, NY style home fries, sea nuggets, steakhouse fries, hushpuppies, vegetable lo-mein

Today's Dinner: Cherry turnover, breadsticks, grilled pork chops, broccoli-rice casserole, corn, grilled tilapia, baked noodle casserole, California-blend vegetables, baked sweet potatoes, sesame chicken breast, California rancho rice, portobello fajita, steakhouse fries

South Dining Hall

Today's Lunch: Meatless baked ziti, meatball stroganoff sauce, supreme pizza, toasted pretzel sticks, pasta primavera, steamed spinach, chicken and dumplings, baked haddock jardiniere, teriyaki London broil, whipped potatoes, mashed red-skin garlic potatoes, roasted vegetables, Philly steak sandwich, steakhouse fries, onion rings, sweet and sour chicken, chicken and cheese chimichanga

Today's Dinner: Noodles Romanoff, baked beans, roast beef hash, turkey broccoli bake, pork loin with apple, hot chunky applesauce, cherry crisp, grilled vegetable plate, blaz'n hot and spicy sea nuggets, BBQ Cantonese chicken

Saint Mary's Dining Hall

Today's Lunch: Falafels, saffron rice, marinated cucumber salad, buttered noodles, light tomato sauce, chicken and beef fajitas, pork cutlet, garden vegetable patty, onion rings, Monterey turkey flat bread sandwich, potato chip-pers, red pepper, pepperoni and provolone loafer, sliced roast beef, vegetarian chili, cream of tomato soup

Today's Dinner: Hot and sweet tofu, red beans and rice, cornbread, fried plantains, grilled Italian sausage with pasta and Italian vegetables, vegetable tempura, turkey breast, herb stuffing, green bean casserole, French bread pizza, bread sticks, chicken and penne casserole, apple cake, lemon mouse

LOCAL WEATHER

TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
HIGH 67 LOW 47	HIGH 64 LOW 54	HIGH 75 LOW 52	HIGH 73 LOW 40	HIGH 60 LOW 45	HIGH 65 LOW 48

Atlanta 82 / 59 Boston 72 / 48 Chicago 64 / 48 Denver 70 / 43 Houston 82 / 64 Los Angeles 66 / 46 Minneapolis 58 / 42 New York 76 / 52 Philadelphia 78 / 52 Phoenix 80 / 58 Seattle 60 / 44 St. Louis 76 / 63 Tampa 86 / 70 Washington 78 / 58

Construction projects put on hold by funding shortage

By WILL PUCKETT
News Writer

Throughout this year, construction has been steadily progressing in various areas of campus. While work halted on every project that was not already underway, according to Jim Lyphout, vice president for business operations at Notre Dame, several construction projects were completed and two will continue through the summer.

New Science and Learning Building

Lyphout said the new \$70 million science and learning building is the University's top construction priority currently. While the building does not as of yet have a name, it will be situated just north of the Joyce Center.

A groundbreaking was scheduled for March 2003, but Lyphout said, "fundraising has not been as successful as we might have hoped, especially with the economy the way it is."

Lyphout estimated that ground might finally be broken sometime within the next six months to a year. Lyphout cautioned against the economy's affect on fundraising and warned that all plans are subject to revision depending on the success of fundraising efforts.

Post Office and Security Building

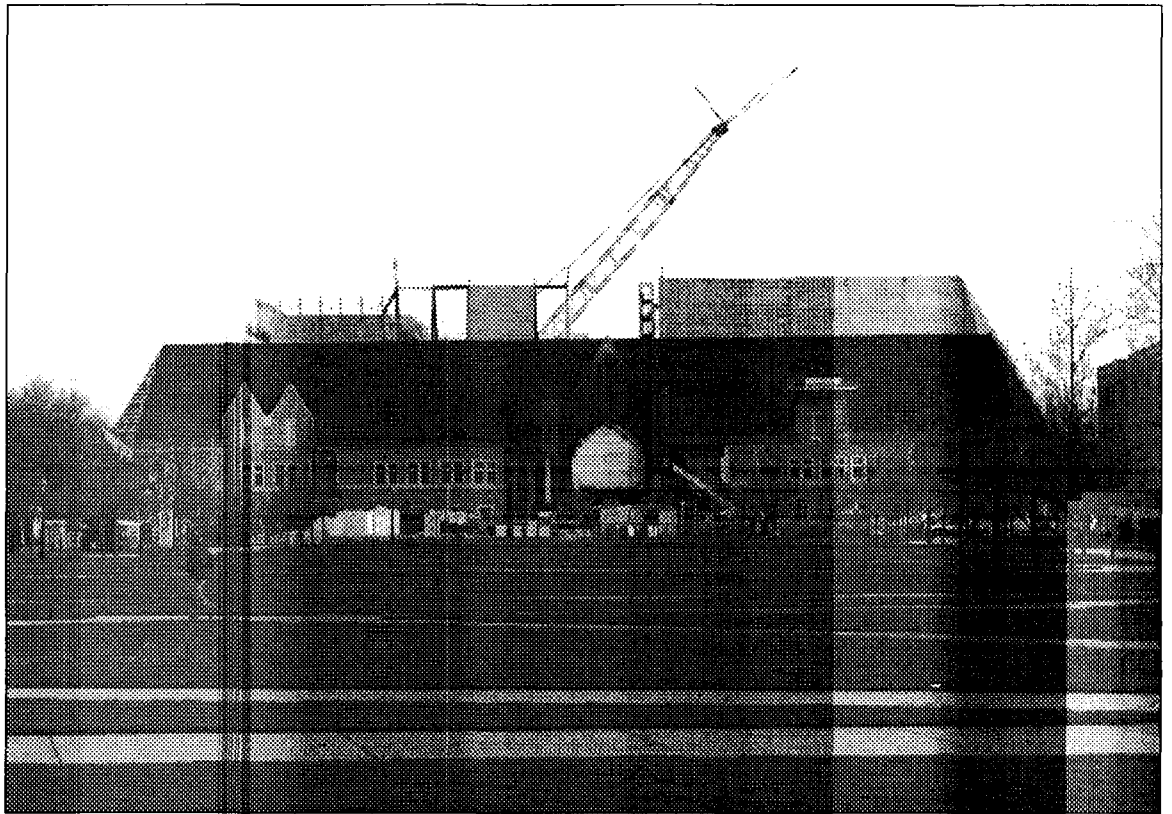
Ground has already been broken for a new building to house both the post office and security offices near the Stepan Center. The foundation has already been finished, but construction was postponed until funding is more favorable, Lyphout said. Originally slated for completion by the summer of 2003, there is no longer any firm timetable on when construction may begin or be completed.

DeBartolo Center

Construction on the Marie P. DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts is progressing on schedule, said Lyphout. While nothing has changed on the project, the building is now expected to be completed near the end of the 2004 spring semester, opening for classes the following fall. The project is one of the few on campus that has not been halted or endured other consequences as a result of slow fundraising efforts.

Hesburgh Library

Renovations in the Hesburgh Library are nearing completion, and final work should be completed this summer. The library is adding study space, additional storage for books and microfilms and other modern renovations. While more renovations are planned for the



FILE PHOTO/The Observer

The Marie P. DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts is one of the construction projects continuing this year in spite of funding shortages. The Performing Arts Center is expected to be finished in the spring semester of 2004.

library, nothing is confirmed at the moment, due to funding issues, said Lyphout.

Stepan Chemistry Hall

An expansion to Stepan Chemistry Hall was completed over the 2002-03 school year, with finishing touches to be added early in 2003. The expansion provides more research and laboratory space for chemistry faculty and students.

Some minor work on the exterior and surrounding area continues, but this is pri-

marily landscaping and restoration of the site to its original condition.

O'Shaughnessy Hall

Work was completed late in the fall semester on O'Shaughnessy Hall. There, an office suite was added for the College of Arts and Letters, and the enrollment office was given additional space as well.

Loftus Improvements

The Loftus Center is slated to receive some upgrades,

including a new weight-training center and football department offices. However, the project was another casualty of tight economic times. Construction was to have begun late in the spring semester, but currently plans are on hold indefinitely.

"That's certainly in our plans, but it depends on how fundraising goes, and we want to look at our higher priorities first," said Lyphout.

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LaFortune, and are due on Wednesday, April 30. Interviews will be May 2.

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Parietals

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whether their approval was simply to increase personal freedom.

"I wonder how much there is a need [for parietals extension] versus a desire to increase liberty," said Heather Rakoczy, Pangborn Hall rector.

Rakoczy said that she did not see a great need for parietals extension simply to provide additional study time, as the 24-hour space allotted in Pangborn was frequently filled with the same couples not engaged in academic work. Students responded by commenting that common spaces were not conducive to studying and that students often required the use of a dorm room with computer access to prepare presentations and projects.

Rectors also said that they feared a parietals extension to allow greater time for group work could adversely impact the roommate not engaged in a study group, preventing him or her from an additional hour's use of their dorm room.

"My concern is that, if I'm a roommate not in a study group, that means when I can get back into my room - as my room - is now one hour later. The ramification is that it keeps me out of my dorm room [longer] if you have a study group," said Father Peter Jarret, Keough Hall rector.

Students responded by saying that scheduling arrangements with roommates naturally involve a compromise that living together with other people.

"The dynamics of any dorm room is that there is a lot of compromise," said Erin Cushing, off-campus senator. "The positives that this [parietals extension] would bring ... would far outweigh the 1 to 2 nights before a project that a roommate might not have total quiet."

Cushing also said that as an off-campus student, midnight parietals deter her from visiting friends on campus and that she prefers to invite friends over to her apartment off-campus rather than visiting them on campus and being required

to leave at a certain time. She also said that a parietals extension may help alleviate some of the perceived problems in gender relations on campus.

"Off-campus students don't want to come back on campus to socialize," she said.

After the discussion, Harris proposed the postponement of the resolution to the first CLC meeting of the next academic year, a proposal that failed. The motion to extend parietals an additional hour also failed, but could be brought up again if the Student Senate wishes to conduct further research and draft another proposal.

In other Campus Life Council news:

Henry Scott briefed the CLC on the Student Union's Board report to the Board of Trustees that he and Libby Bishop, former student body president, will be making Thursday. Scott then addressed the mixed feedback received from dance hall commissioners on the new alcohol policy and the banning of in-hall dances that students have faced this year.

Cushing presented the Basis Taskforce report, a committee designed to conduct research and report to Poorman regarding the need and feasibility of a mentoring program through which seniors educate freshmen about problems relating to alcohol use and sexual assault. Cushing said that the committee instead recommended the use of the Big Brother/Big Sister program used in some residence halls to connect freshmen with sophomores, juniors and seniors willing to take on a mentorship role. Cushing said that the Student Activities Office will provide funding for residence halls who have a program in place and that the program will allow for the continuation of a mentoring relationship that a senior-freshman structure would not provide.

Bishop noted that the Communication Taskforce's report mentioned that the Under The Dome Web site has received tens of thousands of hits and will become the official University calendar sometime next year.

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Holy Cross

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accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, the same group that oversees Notre Dame and Saint Mary's degree programs, said Mangan.

Justin Watson, who will serve as adviser to the baccalaureate students, will also direct the baccalaureate program, Mangan added.

Overall, the program will bring important changes for academic and student life at Holy Cross.

"Baccalaureate students will serve as academic role models for students in the associate of arts program. It also means that student life will have new

exemplars of leadership and service," said Mangan.

The program itself will include a broad-range of components, focusing on a core group of liberal arts courses with some electives. Additionally, the program includes an international study component in conjunction with the overseas missions of Congregation or Brothers of the Holy Cross as well as an internship requirement. Those students interested in graduate school will meet with a career mentor.

The College initiated planning for the program in the fall of 2001 and began screening applicants in February.

Students intending to enroll in the baccalaureate program next fall said faculty and student relations and the broad

focus of the curriculum attracted them.

"There's just a really good connection between the faculty and students," said Meghan Craney, who has been a Holy Cross student for the past two years. Craney also serves as a student ambassador for the College and said she is especially excited about discussing the new program with potential students.

Jennifer Nelson, a Holy Cross student for the past two years, said the program would bring a new level of permanence to the campus. "It's going to add a different level of maturity," she said. "I like the curriculum - it's challenging and it's widespread."

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U-WIRE

Former student files suit against officer

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AUSTIN
A former University of Texas-Austin student who alleged she was sexually assaulted by a University police officer has filed a civil suit against him and the University.

The criminal case against former UTPD officer Sellers Bailey has still not gone to trial, nearly two years after the alleged assault. The former UT student, whose name has not been released, filed the civil suit on Friday because the two-year statute of limitations expires this week.

The plaintiff's attorney, Derek Howard, said his client has not decided how much financial compensation to seek. He said she would be willing to entertain a settlement offer.

"Certainly we're always willing to discuss resolution of these cases prior to trial," Howard said.

According to the court filing, Bailey responded to the scene of the plaintiff's one-car accident in April 2001 and asked her to get into his patrol car.

She said she thought he was taking her to the police station, but instead he drove to a nearby parking garage.

There, according to police reports, Bailey forced her to perform oral sex on him. He returned her to her car, and she immediately drove back to the parking garage, where she retrieved the paper towels that Bailey had used to clean himself after the alleged assault.

Subsequent DNA tests confirmed that fluid on the paper towels was Bailey's, reports show.

The court filing faults the University because it dismissed a previous complaint that Bailey had sexually harassed a female security guard.

"It reflects very poorly on the University in terms of its level of protection of its employees as well as its students," Howard said.

Patricia Ohlendorf, vice president for legal affairs, said the University had not been served with the court papers by Friday afternoon.

She would not comment on the case, except to say, "When the incident occurred, the University took immediate corrective action."

The former UT student also

contends that she was "cut off" from therapy with the University Health Services Counseling and Mental Health Center after one semester because she had "reached her limit."

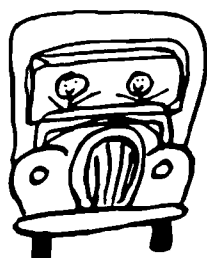
"Our contention is that in a situation where the University itself actually caused the psychological injury, it would seem to me sound practice to assume they have an added responsibility to take care of the emotional problems caused from that harm," Howard said.

Jane Bost, associate director for the counseling center, said the center does not counsel people for long periods of time.

Bailey's criminal case was set to go to trial Monday, but his defense attorney, Charles Craig, said it has been rescheduled for May 27. Craig would not comment further.

In April 2002, campus police reported that a UT teaching assistant assaulted a student in the student's dorm room.

Despite an open records request from The Daily Texan, the University declined to provide information about the incident. UTPD Police Chief Jeff Van Slyke would not comment on the case, saying that it is still under investigation.



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IRAQ

Tests cast doubt on possible chemical weapons

Associated Press

BAIJI
A metal drum found in northern Iraq that initially tested positive for nerve and blister agents might instead contain rocket fuel, according to new tests, a U.S. chemical weapons expert said Monday.

More tests were planned in the coming days on the 55-gallon drum, said Lt. Col. Valentin Novikov, the chief chemical weapons officer of the 4th Infantry Division, the unit which found the site.

Novikov's comments raised the prospect that the discovery was the latest in a series of false alarms as U.S. troops try to find the remains of Saddam Hussein's suspected programs for biological, chemical and nuclear weapons.

The suspicious barrel was among 14 barrels found in an open field near the Tigris River town of Baiji, among mounds of earth that hid missiles and missile parts. U.S. troops performed an initial test and found indications the barrel may contain the nerve agent cyclosarin and a blister agent that could be a precursor of mustard gas.

By design, initial test procedures favor positive readings, erring on the side of caution to protect soldiers.

Two teams of experts were

brought in this weekend for additional testing.

One team conducted three tests, but the tests "were not totally conclusive," Novikov said.

The second team, a specialist Mobile Exploitation Team, "suspects that it might be rocket fuel," Novikov said.

That team is expected to return to the site in the coming days for further tests.

"There is a chance that it could be chemical weapons, but we don't know for sure," Novikov said, speaking outside of the 4th Infantry headquarters, a former palace in Saddam's hometown of Tikrit, near Baiji.

Also found at the site were two unmarked vans that soldiers first suspected to be mobile chemical laboratories. Inside the vans were three cylinders for mixing liquids and a dosage chart in English and Russian. Green camouflage netting was draped across the front of one of the vans.

Novikov, however, said the vans "could be" a rocket fuel mixing station.

Near the site was a low, brown sandstone building that had 150 gas masks that are of a higher quality than those usually used by Iraqi soldiers.

The initial tests on the barrel were conducted late Friday by Lt. Valerie Phipps and Pfc.



A rocket found at a site suspected of housing chemical weapons lies on the ground Monday after being discovered by U.S. troops in the outskirts of Baiji in northern Iraq.

Jeremy McCullough, chemical warfare experts with the 1st Squadron of the 10th Cavalry Regiment.

All three of their tests point-

ed to nerve or blister agents. Afterward, Phipps and McCullough left the area and burned their chemical warfare suits for fear that they were

contaminated.

There have been numerous false reports that coalition forces have turned up chemical or biological weapons.

IRAQ

Iraqi factions set nation-building transition timetable

Associated Press

BAGHDAD
Delegates from inside and outside Iraq agreed Monday to hold a nation-building meeting next month and fashion a temporary, post-Saddam Hussein government that the United States predicted could be in place within days after that.

Iraq's new American administrators, charting the future of the land they invaded, secured the pledge to meet again in May from a multiethnic assortment of delegates. It represents the first specific timetable for trying to assemble the foundations of democracy in postwar

Iraq and a more secure tomorrow.

"I think we have enough ... to come up with a road map," said U.S. envoy Zalmay Khalilzad, adding that an administration could be in place within weeks.

Monday's daylong conference coincided with a date that had been a national holiday: It was Saddam Hussein's 66th birthday.

"Today, on the birthday of Saddam Hussein, let us start the democratic process for the children of Iraq," the U.S. civil administrator for Iraq, retired Lt. Gen. Jay Garner, told delegates.

The conference brought together

Shiite and Sunni Muslim clerics in robes, Kurds from the north, tribal chiefs in Arab headdresses and Westernized exiles in expensive suits. Still, some said Shiites, who make up 60 percent of Iraq's population, were underrepresented, and delegates generally agreed on a need for wider representation in the future.

For a nation riven by a generation of autocratic rule, the notion of a broad leadership council appeared to gain ground, with many delegates endorsing it as the best path.

"We hope we can form a unified government, one that reflects the entire

spectrum of Iraq," said Ahmad Jaber al-Awadi, a representative of the newly formed Iraqi Independent Democrats Movement.

Under Saddam, the all-powerful Baath Party barred dissent and effectively banned competing parties. Monday's meeting, like one in the ancient city of Ur earlier this month, pulled aside that monolithic facade to reveal a fractious land roiling with political agendas.

Partly because of that, many delegates discussed the possibility of a presidential council rather than a single leader for Iraq, according to one prominent former exile, Saad al-Bazzaz.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Two men plead innocent in bombing

Two Sikh men accused of bombing an Air India flight in 1985, killing all 329 people on board, pleaded innocent Monday as their trial began under heavy security in a specially built courtroom. Ajaib Singh Bagri, 53, and Ripudaman Singh Malik, 56, sat behind bulletproof glass for the trial almost 18 years after the Boeing 747 exploded off the coast of Ireland in the worst terrorist bombing of a commercial aircraft. Calling Bagri a "militant Sikh terrorist," prosecutor Robert Wright said in his opening statement the bombing was revenge by Sikh separatists for the 1984 raid by Indian forces on the Golden Temple at Amritsar, the religion's holiest site. "Their motive was so strongly felt that they were prepared to murder hundreds of innocent people," Wright said. A third man who pleaded guilty to manslaughter in the case would testify, Wright said.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Powell talks of disarmament proposal

The United States is reviewing a North Korean proposal to give up the nation's missiles and nuclear facilities in exchange for substantial U.S. economic benefits, Secretary of State Colin Powell said Monday. The North Koreans set forth the proposal last week in talks in Beijing that were focused on U.S. concerns about North Korea's weapons programs. Powell called the meeting "quite useful" and said U.S. officials are comparing notes with South Korea, Japan, China, Russia, Australia and others. At the Beijing talks, China joined the United States and North Korea. The North Koreans "did put forward a plan that would ultimately deal with their nuclear capability and their missile activities. But they, of course, expect something considerable in return," Powell said. Powell's somewhat hopeful account of the meetings contrasted with initial accounts last week by other U.S. officials.

Final missing U.S. soldier confirmed dead

The body of a soldier found the day after a convoy was ambushed in southern Iraq was identified as Army Spc. Edward John Anguiano, the last missing soldier in Iraq, the Pentagon said Monday. Officials used DNA tests to confirm that the remains were Anguiano, according to the soldier's grandfather, and military officials notified the family late Sunday. The grandfather said he believed Anguiano was killed during the initial attack on March 23, when he disappeared. "What we heard is that he was ambushed," said Vicente Anguiano Sr., 72. "They found his truck, the one he drove, and it had been stripped — tires and everything. They found a body near the truck." Anguiano's family members gathered in this south Texas town over the Easter weekend and held out hope he would return soon. The soldier's mother, San Juanita Anguiano, "is very sad. She was not expecting him to be found dead," said the soldier's aunt, Maria Anguiano.

BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

SMC board discusses plan for new apartments

By MEGAN O'NEIL
News Writer

Board of Governance officers viewed architectural graphics and discussed design plans for future on-campus apartments at Monday's meeting.

The plans for the apartments, which have been in the works for many months, were approved by The Board of Trustees Friday.

Construction on the new complex will begin this summer. It is expected that phase one of the building plans will be completed by June 2004, which will make the apartments available to current sophomores when they enter their senior year.

The three-story building will house 72 students, and will be composed of quad and double-room apartments. Each student will have their own bedroom and share a bathroom and kitchen. While the apartments will be assigned through the lottery room pick system, it is expected that they will be mainly occupied by upperclassmen.

"I assume for the most part this will go largely to seniors," said President Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl.

Board members were particularly interested in whether the Residence Hall Association would govern the complex and if visitation hours would be maintained.

"The key thing here is that they are looking for self governing," Jablonski-Diehl said. "The residence hall rules could be dif-

ferent."

A forum is planned for next year when students can learn about the new residence option and express their opinions on what the apartment rules should be.

"These things are not set in stone," said board member Sarah Mahoney. "You need to get your comments and your friends' comments out there."

In Other BOG News:

♦ A new link is under construction on the Saint Mary's Web system wherein students can buy and sell books to one another. Named the Virtual Village, the site provides students with an easy method to sell texts from the previous semester, as well as locate used books on sale. BOG hopes that this will relieve some of the difficulties that arise with selling books back to the bookstore and decrease the amount of paper typically used.

♦ Board members have taken steps to initiate change in the annual Keenan Review. The highly popular comedic variety show, which is held at Saint Mary's, and has come under criticism for its use of gender stereotypes in its skits. While student government wants to keep the show at Saint Mary's, they plan on enforcing stricter guidelines, and possibly asking the producers to sign a contract to ensure its appropriate content.

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ROTC cadet wins national award

By CHRISTINA CEPERO
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Ryan Kenny received the George C. Marshall Award as Notre Dame's outstanding Army ROTC cadet. It is a national award presented every year to the top Army cadet in each of the 270 ROTC programs at universities and colleges across the country.

A senior psychology and Japanese major from Billings, Mont., Kenny was selected for the Marshall Award by his battalion because he ranked the highest out of all of its cadets. He was chosen based on his qualities of leadership, physical fitness, academics, service to the community and contributions to the battalion ROTC program, according to

Lt. Col. David Mosinski.

"Ryan's done a super job of leading, representing and planning activities for the ROTC battalion," Mosinski said. "He's truly an exceptional individual."

As part of receiving the award, Kenny was presented with a saber and recognized at a national security seminar in Lexington, Va. from April 15 to 18.

At the seminar, chaired by retired Lt. Gen. Charles Dyke and the Honorable John Knapp, Kenny attended roundtable discussions that addressed current topics affecting the Army.

"It was an incredible experience," Kenny said. "I was able to meet different academic scholars and leaders to discuss world affairs."

Kenny was enlisted in the Army under active duty for four years before transferring to Notre Dame as a sophomore. Last year, he was selected for the position of Battalion Commander based on his exceptional performance.

"Ryan's definitely a top-notch cadet here," Sgt. Luis Magdangal said. "He communicates well to the battalion and takes the part of Battalion Commander to heart."

In the fall, Kenny will enroll at Boston College to pursue a doctoral degree in cognitive psychology. At the end of four years, he will enter the Army Medical Service Corps.

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COLOMBIA

Rebel surrenders to authorities

Associated Press

A commander from Colombia's largest rebel group surrendered and, flanked by the country's president and top generals Monday, urged his former comrades-in-arms to do the same.

Rafael Rojas, who said he was a 20-year veteran of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia and the commander of the group's 46th Front, was the highest-ranking member of the rebel army to turn himself in, authorities said. His surren-

der Friday was reportedly mediated by a Roman Catholic priest.

President Alvaro Uribe on Monday introduced Rojas at a nationally televised news conference at a military base in the coastal city of Cartagena.

Rojas urged other members of the 16,000-strong FARC — as the rebel group is known — to also surrender, saying the 38-year war has brought only ruin to this South American country.

"Positive things have not resulted," said Rojas, wearing a blue denim shirt and blue jeans. "On the contrary, the

prolonged war has left only desolation and destruction."

Rebels who desert the FARC and other guerrilla armies are put up in protected housing and given the opportunity to change their identities. They also have access to health care, education and work training under the government program.

"Take advantage of this as an opportunity for dialogue and to create a new society for coming generations," Rojas said.

Uribe, a hard-liner who has stepped up the war against the rebels in his seven months in office, said other rebels should also surrender or face defeat.

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IN BRIEF

Stocks rise sharply on confidence

Wall Street got the economic and earnings news it's been so desperate to hear Monday, and stocks responded by barreling higher, lifting the Dow Jones industrials more than 160 points.

Encouraging consumer spending and income figures and better-than-expected earnings from McDonald's fed the market's rebounding confidence. Analysts reported a shift in investors' thinking, making many of them more concerned about missing out on a rally than they are about stocks' short-term vulnerability.

"We have had a tough economic situation and earnings have been challenging, but companies have done a good job of cutting costs. And now it seems like the tide has turned," said Thomas F. Lydon Jr., president of Global Trends Investments in Newport Beach, Calif.

Crude oil futures at 5-month low

OPEC's decision to hike its output ceiling combined with expectations of a big build in U.S. crude inventories sent oil futures on Monday to their lowest level in five and a half months.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries bucked market expectations last week by agreeing to lift its official output ceiling by 900,000 barrels a day, to 25.4 million daily barrels, beginning June 1.

Although the group also pledged to remove some 2 million barrels a day in excess production from the market, the difference between the new ceiling and OPEC's current output is seen to be around 600,000 to 800,000 barrels a day — far less than traders had expected the group to cut.

"We'll believe it when we see it," said Ed Silliere, an analyst at Energy Merchant, referring to the OPEC cut. "Let's see if they can do it."

At the New York Mercantile Exchange, light, sweet crude for June delivery dropped 77 cents, or 3 percent, to settle at \$25.49 a barrel, the lowest level for a front-month contract since Nov. 14.

Regulators announce settlement

◆ Ten firms to pay \$1.4 billion in resolution

Associated Press

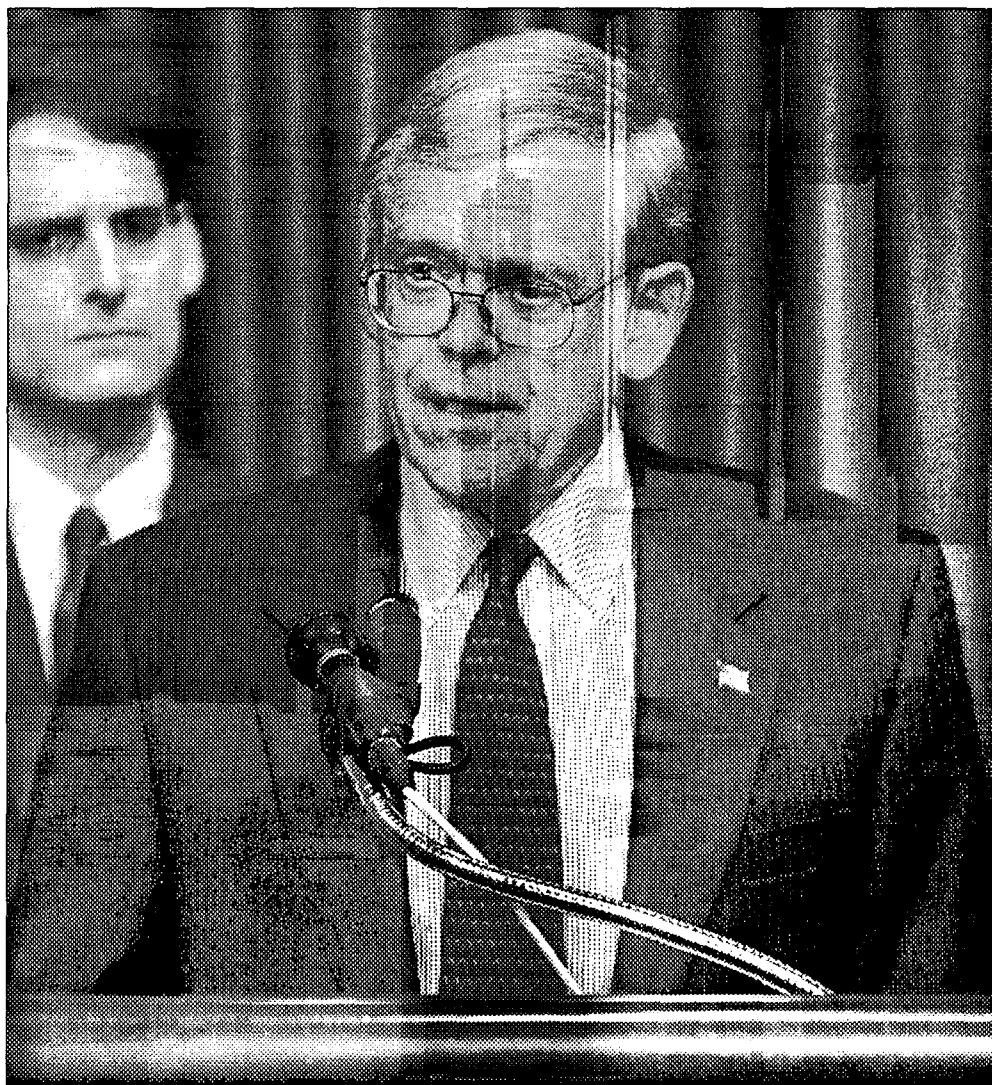
WASHINGTON
Ten of Wall Street's biggest firms will pay about \$1.4 billion and adopt reforms to resolve allegations that they issued biased ratings on stocks to lure investment-banking business, federal and state regulators announced Monday in a bid to shore up investors' confidence.

The unprecedented industrywide settlement, one of the largest penalties ever levied by securities regulators, follows a lengthy investigation by the Securities and Exchange Commission, New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer and other state regulators and market regulators.

The settlement, based on a tentative agreement reached in December, will change the way major investment firms — including Citigroup, Merrill Lynch and J.P. Morgan Chase — do business.

The brokerage firms will have to sever the troublesome links between financial analysts' research and investment banking, pay a total \$432.5 million over five years for independent stock research for their customers and fund an \$80 million investor education program. A fund of \$387.5 million will be set up to compensate customers of the ten firms; \$487.5 million in fines will go to states according to their population.

The firms neither admitted nor denied allegations that they had misled investors, although internal e-mails showed their analysts privately had a low opinion of stocks they were touting to the public. Allegations against Merrill Lynch — the nation's biggest brokerage — Credit Suisse First Boston and Citigroup's brokerage business Salomon Smith



REUTERS

Securities and Exchange Commission Chairman William Donaldson announces the resolution of a \$1.4 billion settlement against Wall Street investment banks.

Barney reached the level of securities fraud.

Salomon Smith Barney is paying the heaviest fine and restitution: \$300 million.

The airing of the regulators' allegations could open the way for a flurry of private lawsuits against the firms by investors who believe they were defrauded — what investor advocate Barbara Roper called "the real compensation."

And the SEC could still take enforcement action against top executives of firms for failing to properly supervise analysts and investment bankers.

Said Spitzer: "It will take time, but because we put all this information in the public record, investors will be able in due course to recover the funds that

they lost on false research."

SEC Chairman William Donaldson called the regulators' cases against Wall Street's powerhouses "an important milestone in our ongoing effort both to address serious abuses that have taken place in our markets and to restore investor confidence and public trust by making sure these abuses don't happen again."

At a news conference at SEC headquarters, Donaldson — a former chairman of the New York Stock Exchange and co-founder of a major Wall Street investment firm — said he was "profoundly saddened and angry" about the conduct detailed in the regulators' complaints.

Roper, the director of investor protection for the Consumer Federation of America, cautioned investors not to "rush to bestow renewed trust on Wall Street firms."

"There are too many questions that only time will answer about the ... effectiveness of the new requirements," Roper said.

Under the settlement, two former star analysts — Internet expert Henry Blodget of Merrill Lynch and telecommunications analyst Jack Grubman of Salomon Smith Barney — agreed to pay a combined \$19 million in fines and penalties and be banned permanently from the securities industry to settle fraud charges. Grubman are neither admitting nor denying any wrongdoing.

Apple launches online music service

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO
Apple Computer Inc. launched a commercial music service Monday that will offer more than 200,000 songs at 99 cents a download, winning over music industry leaders who have long shunned online file sharing.

The iTunes Music Store announced by Apple CEO Steve Jobs draws from all five major labels and includes some big-name artists who previously denounced online distribution.

Unlike its competitors, the service has virtually no copy-protection — a major concession to consumer demand.

Apple lets customers keep songs indefinitely, share them on as many as three Macintosh computers and transfer them to any number of iPod portable music players. No subscriptions are necessary and buyers can burn unlimited copies of the songs onto CDs.

Doug Morris, the chairman and CEO of Universal Music Group who attended Monday's launch, called it "a defining moment in the music business."

By allowing people to do pretty much as they please with their digital copies, Apple and the music industry are acknowledging that, due to digital technology, online file-swapping can't be eradicated.

"You can't stop piracy, so you have to work with technology, and you have to get into the rhythm of it. That's what Apple has done here," said the musician Seal, who was at the announcement.

Even Hillary Rosen, who as CEO of the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) has led the fight against Napster and its free online music-swapping successors, called Apple's new service "cool, cutting edge" in a statement.

"It's not stealing anymore. It's good karma," said Jobs, asserting that other industry-backed services' subscription-based models treat music fans as "criminals" with extra fees and restrictions.

SMC holds banquet to honor student leaders

By LAUREN O'BRIEN
News Writer

Saint Mary's annual "Celebrating a Leadership Community" honored student leaders Monday.

A Community and Leadership Banner was available at Haggar College Center during the day for students to recognize mentors or people in leadership roles. This tradition has been a part of the Student Government Association since 1993. Banners from previous years were also displayed.

The Student Leadership Appreciation Luncheon was held in the North Wedge Room of the Noble Family Dining Hall for students, administrators and faculty. The luncheon featured senior Mary Brown as the keynote speaker. Brown spoke about her experiences of leadership at Saint Mary's.

The luncheon also honored two faculty members with the Student Leadership Appreciation Award, Deborah McCarthy, associate professor of chemistry, and Linda Berdayes, assistant professor of communications. The award honors faculty, administrators or staff who have made a meaningful contribution to student leadership.

"Celebrating a Leadership Community" concluded with the Student Leadership Commissioning in the Church of Loretto. Kim Jensen, a senior

and the outgoing student body president, reflected on the accomplishments of the 2002-03 student government.

"I think there is one word to sum up our accomplishments this year: teamwork," Jensen said. "Together, we made a difference."

Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl, a junior and the incoming student body president, addressed new student leaders, including student government leaders, residence hall and class officers, resident advisors, presidents of clubs and organizations and spiritual life leaders.

"Each of us must recognize our personal strengths and weaknesses," Jablonski-Diehl said. "It is only together that we can achieve our goals."

Each student leader was individually recognized by Linda Timm, vice president for Student Affairs, and received a copy of the College mission statement from Sister RoseAnne Schultz, vice president for Mission.

"Leadership is not just tied to positions and titles," said Georgeanna Rosenbush, director of Student Activities. "It is defined more by action, whether that be through academics, student government, volunteer service or a job. It takes all kinds of leadership to make Saint Mary's what it is."

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U-WIRE

NYU officers question training

By JON MUMMOLO
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NEW YORK

Some New York University Protection Services officers say a lack of emergency response training has left them feeling unprepared in the event of a catastrophic emergency, according to top officials in the Local 1 Security Officers Union.

Union officials said they wrote a letter to department superiors in early March requesting increased training and a detailed contingency plan, in response to "minimal" training in anti-terrorism and emergency response since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

The complaints have shed light on a difference of opinion between management and the officers union over the precise function of Protection officers during large-scale emergencies. While department officials said they view officers as "indispensable first responders" who should be trained in crowd control and be able to efficiently report emergencies to their supervisors, some officers are asking to serve a more direct role in emergency assistance.

"We're dealing with a different animal [after Sept. 11]," union president Mike Pidoto said. "I think it's time to step

up the training a little bit more."

Other officers said they are worried that they might not be prepared for some emergencies.

"As far as what to do in the case of a chemical or biological attack or a mass casualty, we are woefully unprepared to respond to that," said Mark Fischetti, an officer at 25 W. 4th St. "To me, in New York City, at the largest private university in the country, it would seem germane to train us in these things."

Officials from NYU Protection Services, which oversees more than 270 officers at 79 posts, said current training is sufficient and that officers should wait for outside agencies, such as the Fire Department of New York and bomb squads, to directly handle emergencies.

"We will never give up our need to access governmental services," said Protection Services Director Jules Martin. "They are better trained than we are, and they have the requisite materials to respond to the emergency."

Some officers said further emergency training would allow them to alleviate situations during the time spent waiting for help to arrive. Fischetti said he fears that if another terrorist attack occurs in New York City, NYU would become a low priority for

emergency responders.

"If someone lets loose something at Union Square station, let's face it," Fischetti said, "the city's emergency teams are going to be depleted serving the city. They won't be worried about the university."

The city has made its own plans and provisions for dealing with terrorist attacks, although it has not arranged a specific plan with the university, according to a spokesman from the New York Police Department's 6th Precinct.

"All buildings get treated the same whether it's NYU or the New School, or a large apartment building," NYPD Detective Mike Singer said.

NYU Protection officers undergo bi-weekly training for standard operations like ID checking, sign-in procedures and diversity training, officers said.

Issues specific to anti-terrorism, however, are not addressed during these sessions, according to Keiselim Montas, training manager for Protection Services.

Officers have attended two seminars with an NYPD officer and have received instruction on how to spot suspicious characters and how to respond to bomb threats, Montas said. This was the only training specific to anti-terrorism supplied by the department since Sept. 11, 2001, he said.



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This is a wonderful event and opportunity for students and families to meet each other and to be honored by the Center's staff, Fr. Monk Malloy and other representatives of the University.

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- Nelson Mandela's Inaugural Speech



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*Thursday, May 1st
Stepan Center, 10:00am - 1:00pm*

Tickets will be available for the following events:

- Saturday, May 10th, "Margaritaville" \$5.00
- Sunday, May 11th, "Chicago Cubs Game" \$35.00
- Monday, May 12th, "Golf Outing" \$10.00/person
- Monday, May 12th, "Volleyball Tournament" FREE
- Tuesday, May 13th, "Senior Formal" \$15.00/person
- Wednesday, May 14th, "Senior Day at the Eck Stadium and Last Tailgate" FREE

*** Limited ticket quantities are available for certain events*

Cubs (575), Margaritaville (1000), Golf Outing (190). Seniors seeking to attend these events are strongly encouraged to arrive promptly at 10am!

**Detailed event information can be found at
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**** All Seniors wishing to participate in Senior Week 2003 must purchase tickets during the specified registration time. Although not encouraged, if a senior is unable to attend, a friend may sign up and pay for another's tickets. Absent seniors MUST give the friend their Notre Dame student ID, a signed waiver and their form of payment. Waivers were Emailed on Monday but can also be picked up at registration.**

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Figuring out how to say goodbye

I didn't know how to say "hello" to college on that first weekend of freshmen year — my 18th birthday weekend. Now I don't know how to say "good-bye" to it. I'm not going pretend that I do.

It's silly to be reminiscing, as I have almost every day this semester. After all, I'm only 21, and I'm pretty sure that as of yet, I know little about anything that really matters.

So I'm not going to dwell on imminent farewells, attempt to impart wisdom on underclassmen or speak wistfully about life-changing late night discussions, football victories or adventures while inebriated. Instead, I'd prefer to enjoy my real life right now in all its unreality.

On Friday evening, a white stretch limousine pulled up to our apartment. Fourteen of our friends, dressed in formal attire, poured out of the oversized vehicle, parked in the Solo cup-littered lot between the two rows of townhouses. They came to celebrate "prom" — our prom at our apartment — and were taking the event as seriously as we were.

At that moment, my roommates and I knew that we had succeeded.

Lesson learned after four years of college: We are all in this together — theme parties included.

Our prom party was complete with all of the trappings of an actual high school prom. We had purple and silver decorations, a song, a picture corner and — like any event that seniors partake in these days — the feeling that the last moments have arrived. I suppose they have, but like I said, I'd rather not dwell on it.

Crowned prom king and queen were perhaps my most regal of roommates and a guy in a brown

tuxedo. I'd tell you where both of the honored individuals are headed next — like they do in high school — but I can't, even though both the king and queen have plans.

Another lesson learned after four years of college: A job or a school or a service project cannot explain "where someone is going." It's only a small part of the person that we are all becoming.

I'm not sure whether celebrating prom again means that my friends and I are regressing or just coming full circle. I'd like to think that the weekend demonstrated that finally, we all have our priorities straight. Now in the last days of class with finals approaching, we weren't anxiously studying, diligently finishing papers or visiting professors for last minute advice on assignments.

None of the stuff that we are supposed to worry about — the exams, the résumés, the projects or the applications — seems to matter anymore. We've survived the end of the semester seven times before, and we will again.

At this University amidst the 10,000 overachievers who experience college here every year, it's easy to lose perspective — to get what matters to you tangled in the idea of what matters to other students, professors, advisors or the campus community in general.

What matters to me right now are the people with whom I have spent the last four years. My roommates who stood beside me every day this year. My best friends from a year abroad who kept me sane as we explored the world together. Professors who gave me ideas, concepts and beliefs to latch onto and become passionate about. My family.

Everyone who taught me to have

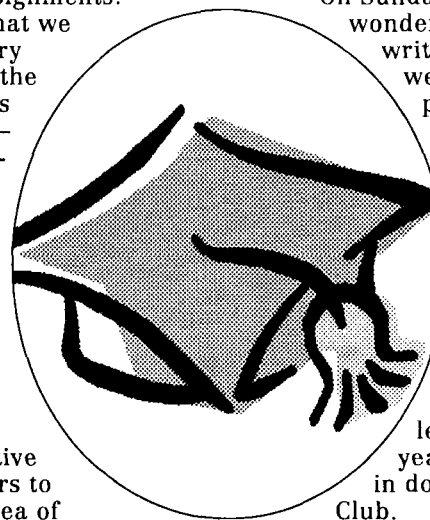
faith. In a Higher Power. That I won't leave here lost. That I'll be ok.

So maybe I am in danger of reminiscing, dwelling on approaching good-byes and speaking longingly about four years past. I know it's ridiculous, but maybe it's unavoidable.

Next fall I will be in Austria again, teaching grade school children English. I'll probably spend a lot of time looking back, remembering the rhythm of my life here, my year in Innsbruck, summers and beginnings and breaks and finals. I imagine that the pain, the arguments, and the annoyances will all fade away, allowing me to become hopelessly, honestly nostalgic. I might even think that I have some wisdom from the experience to share, but I still won't.

On Sunday I spent all day wondering what I should write for today. When I went to Mass at 10 p.m., less than a paragraph of this column was composed. I wasn't worried; at the end of Mass, I still had 13 hours before deadline. So I did what anyone in their right mind would do.

Final lesson learned after four years of college: When in doubt, go to the Boat Club.

*Joanna Mikulski would like to express her gratitude to her family, friends and everyone else, who put up with her column writing during the last three years.**She'd also like to say "thanks" to her "prom date," who is pretty sure that she and all of her friends are insane. Contact her at jmikulsk@nd.edu.**The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.*

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Act like an adult to be treated like one

In response to April 25 Editorial, "University can't turn a blind eye to suits," I find it interesting that students want the University to do something about the Boat Club lawsuit. In reading The Observer over the past year, I thought the students wanted to be treated as adults. In his April 25 letter "Parietals disrupt social life," Ramin Saghaei states, "It's time the University stops treating us like we're still in junior high."

Act like adults and take responsibility for your own actions. The minute something goes wrong, do not clamor for the University to step in as if it is mommy or daddy and should "make it better."

Be an adult, take responsibility for your own premeditated actions, which were getting an illegal ID and/or perjurying yourself to gain access to a place where underage students should not be. In the adult world: do something wrong, get caught and face the consequences. All of you should be ecstatic since you are being treated like adults. Go before the judge, get sentenced and pay the fine.

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*"Liberty means responsibility. That is why most men dread it."*George Bernard Shaw
playwright, critic

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Re-examining Santorum's comments

*Look closer before charging
"extremism"*

Amanda Rubio's remarks in her April 28 letter "Santorum's Words Disgraceful" demonstrate an admirable desire to encourage a more tolerant nation and inclusive Republican Party. Nevertheless, Rubio fails to recognize the actual intent and substance of Senator Santorum's remarks.

In his recent AP interview, Santorum discussed an upcoming Supreme Court case challenging a Texas anti-sodomy law. Santorum expressed concern that if the Court extends the so-called "right to privacy" to strike down such laws, the Court would be unable to justify upholding laws which ban activity such as polygamy or incest. Santorum never directly compared or equated these activities. He simply suggested that if the "right to privacy" is extended to one logical conclusion, Congress and state legislatures would be forbidden from restricting other kinds of sexual activity.

Furthermore, Santorum did not "denounce" any person based on orientation, nor does the Catholic Church. Santorum drew a distinction between persons and actions; he took issue with homosexual acts, not homosexual people. While Santorum said "I am a firm believer that all are equal under the Constitution," acts and people are two very different

things. Santorum's distinction closely mirrors Catholic teaching and is held by many Americans; it deserves examination and discussion, not automatic denunciation.

Laws banning homosexual activity between consenting adults should be repealed. But the Court should not strike down laws by creating and extending a "right" which does not appear in the Constitution and which was not intended by the founders. The "right to privacy" has already forbidden legislatures from regulating in any significant way the practice of abortion on demand and may inhibit their ability to prohibit or restrict suicide, polygamy and incest. The founders did not believe that these activities merited constitutional protection; those who disagree should attempt amendment.

Americans hold many different views about homosexuality, and Santorum's perspective is neither hateful nor extremist. Debate about which activity Congress or state legislatures should be able to regulate constitutes a perfectly acceptable public policy discussion in which our elected representatives should participate.

Greg Wright
law student
April 28

*Distinguish between
persons and acts*

In her April 28 letter, Amanda Rubio made an excellent point about Senator Rick Santorum and the comments he made, except for the fact that she got them all wrong. Santorum never denounced gays, nor did he even denounce homosexuality. He simply made the argument that if the Supreme Court struck down existing state anti-sodomy laws and posited the idea that consenting adults have the right to do whatever they want sexually, then it would be impossible for states to continue to forbid acts like incest, adultery, bigamy and so on. This is not slander, but rather just common sense and plain legal reasoning. Think it through for yourself: If the Supreme Court states that the right to sodomy is guaranteed under the Constitution, then how can it say those other acts are still open to regulation and prosecution?

Whenever it comes to matters touching homosexuality, it seems a strange mental paralysis overcomes students at Notre Dame and people elsewhere, too. That paralysis is the inability to distinguish between persons, whom we must all respect, and acts, some of which deserve our scorn. I hate smoking, but I love smokers, including my parents. There is no complicated moral calculus involved in this stance. If you cannot reconcile the two positions, you need help. Likewise, supporting and loving homosexuals does not mean denying that what they do is disgusting and repugnant. It does not make you a hater to express your belief that some parts were obviously not made for certain purposes.

As for Amanda Rubio and her strained continued membership in the Republican party, it seems like she feels she is doing the party a tremendous favor by remaining in it, which makes me feel it would be much better off without her. She sure seems a lot less tolerant of those with whom she disagrees than Rick Santorum is.

Andrea Arnoult
class of '99
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April 28

Notre Dame Board must tackle tough questions
to improve community life

I read this lead in The Observer yesterday morning, "The Board of Trustees approved the building of on-campus apartments at their meeting this past Friday" and almost fell down. Mid-swoon, I asked myself the obvious questions, "Will they be co-ed? By floor? Or by room? Or single-sex buildings?" I smirked, thinking about the tough decision-making and thoughtful reflection the Board would necessarily have to face when considering parietals regulations for seniors in apartments designed to promote "independent housing." Would they be so bold as to tell their 21 and 22 year-olds not to associate in their own common rooms after 12 a.m. on a school night?

I was almost proud to call myself a "Domer." I did not, however, ask "Is this article about Saint Mary's?"

Of course, The Observer is "The Independent Newspaper Serving Notre Dame and Saint Mary's." I read with bias towards Notre Dame simply because I'm a student here. It was my mistake for not recognizing Melanie Engler as the spokesperson for Saint Mary's. My mistake for assuming that promoting "interaction on campus between upperclassmen and underclassmen" was meant for the upper and underclasswomen of Saint Mary's and not Notre Dame. (I've gotten used to gender-specific yet homogenizing language. After all, I am Catholic.) From now on, I'll

just memorize the Saint Mary's University officials as well as understand that the word "men" is often intended to mean "human" and at times, women.

But perhaps the real reason I misread the article was that I am anxiously anticipating the day that the administrators and trustees decide to address the single-sex and parietals-burdened environment for their on-campus Notre Dame "family." It was thrilling to think that our University was brave enough to stop using that convenient word "tradition" while ignoring real problems, stop sexualizing the word "community" and begin to want what is healthiest for its students — a coed living environment free from dangerous sexual segregation.

Let's just entertain the thought for a moment. Here's a new headline, "ND Board of Trustees approves new on-campus apartments." Assuming that this article is as unclear as the Saint Mary's one, we again will be left to ask those tough questions about on-campus life and what constitutes a healthy community. What about parietals? When is a student capable of making responsible decisions about sex or even noise level? (I would argue that most of us learned how to respectfully control our voices in kindergarten.) What about sexual segregation? Does it aid a community? Or does the separation only heighten misunderstandings between women and men?

Sadly, twice in the past three days I've read letters by concerned (and sarcastic) Notre Dame students in which they conclude with the phrase, "No where else but Notre Dame." In one, Brian Agganis criticizes Notre Dame for selecting students who seem distinctly homogenous. Yesterday, Anna Nussbaum writes how Notre Dame's image is threatened by the policies designed more for "horny eight year old[s]" than adults — policies that may discourage bright students from choosing to come here.

This may seem crazy, but wouldn't it be more appropriate for the proud declaration of "Nowhere else but Notre Dame" to come from something other than the tarnished experiences of disgruntled students? Current undergraduates like Anna, her friends and myself are the ones hurt by Notre Dame's regressive social policies.

It is Saint Mary's Board of Trustees that has approved an on-campus apartment arrangement. Meanwhile, our traditionally minded and status-quo saturated Board can take a deep breath. They won't be forced to answer these hard questions for at least a few more years.

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SNEAK PREVIEW

Radiohead's unreleased secret

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Scene Music Critics

Rumors of a secret version of Radiohead's sixth album, *Hail to the Thief*, started to circulate in early April. It appeared that someone close to the band or record company had leaked the much-anticipated album, slated to come out on June 10. Sure enough, within a few days, the album had been transferred and copied on to hundreds of hard drives across the globe.

The members of the British alternative/experimental group have publicly stated that the leaked version is a copy of earlier production work, but the matter is open to debate. Regardless, the 14-track collection floating from computer to computer is incredible and definitely worth a

listen before a loyal fan purchases the official album.

For the two steps forward that OK Computer and Kid Amnesiac symbolized for the band, *Hail To The Thief* is their one step back. On an artistic level, this album is on par with Radiohead's best work of the past. But while previous efforts marked unrestrained experimentation, *Hail* brings back more traditional, accessible song structures. Older influences like R.E.M. and The Pixies are still in full effect, but the style of bands like Sigur Ros and Godspeed You Black Emperor! weighs heavily on the music, keeping in the tradition of more recent work.

One of Radiohead's strengths on this album is the facility with which the band melds the amalgam of musical influences while forging a unique substance. The band's stability as a unit and sense of cohesion, both on a personal and musical level, is what makes this album stand out from the rest of their catalog. Radiohead has achieved an incredible dynamic in their music, the ability to shoot the sonic gamut, often in one song, from painfully soft and plodding to anesthetic moments of oblivion.

"Sit Down. Stand Up" is the perfect example of this kind of range on the album. The song starts unassuming, the double helix of its DNA unraveling slowly but predictably. Gradually, a surreptitious gurgling begins to poke through, as centuries of evolution and replication give way to mutation and splicing. Time tested

genomes crumble, and the mutant sound emerges, as electronic whirrs and otherwise Galaga-esque noises take command. While other bands may fumble a dramatic move like this, Radiohead handles the dynamic shift with consummate skill and grace.

The longest song from the album is the pulsating "Backdrifts." It starts with a swaying reverberation of sonar-like tones and a vibrating beat. A mixture of fuzzed drumbeats, rattling sound effects and lead singer Thom Yorke's scheming voice, transform the track into an almost breathing, living thing. Yorke's mastery of the vocal instrument has certainly developed from previous efforts and he takes a more calculating, confident role on this album.

"Where I End and You Begin" possesses a haunting, eerie quality. The song seems to show a direct correlation between a "traditional" sound and the influence of electronics and experimentation. Shaky drums, a heavy bass line and an open resonance lay the backdrop for a struggle between guitar and programmed machine — a struggle that is symbolic of the recent directions the band has explored and the synthesis it now enjoys.

Whether or not the unreleased version of Radiohead's current effort is close to the final copy is entirely unknown. It can be determined, however, that the album is an



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To the delight of fans, Radiohead's newest album has been secretly leaked out on the Internet before its scheduled June release.

amazing blend of their earlier and more contemporary endeavors. At times, the album seems to get too extreme with loud, aggressive songs being followed by the simplicity and quietness of a slower song. At any rate, *Hail to the Thief* is and will be a remarkable album, just be sure to watch out for the oil slick on Track 10.

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Hail to the Thief
Radiohead

RELEASE DATE: JUNE 10, 2003



ALBUM REVIEW

Ambiguity mystifies Evanescence fans

By BECCA SAUNDERS

Scene Music Editor

Things are not always what they appear, or maybe they are exactly as they appear. This seems to be the main theme of the new band Evanescence and their first album, *Fallen*. At first glance of the gothic appearance of the lead singer, Amy Lee, on the cover of the album, one would never think that the band would carry Christian overtones in their music. Even from just overhearing the album, the heavy "Linkin Park with a chick" sound would not necessarily prompt one to assume that the album contains Christian themes. For those reasons, it is very surprising that *Fallen* began to climb the Christian music charts. A deep analysis of the album, though, does seem to show blatant Christian themes and messages in the lyrics.

In a final twist, however, it turns out that

the band actually is as it appears — not Christian at all. This information surprised not only the fans of the band and the Christian music industry, who very much promoted the band. It also surprised Evanescence's label, Wind-Up records — home of the well known and Christian associated band Creed, as well as many other bands, both secular and Christian.

Wind-Up recently recalled all of the *Fallen* albums from Christian chains after lead guitar for Evanescence, Ben Moody told Entertainment Weekly, "We're actually high on the Christian charts, and I'm like, 'What... are we even doing there?'"

Although the band is said to have come up through the Christian market after agreeing to be sold in that market, "amassing a loyal following of fans," they are now "backing away from their faith background."

So who and what are Evanescence? Their album doesn't given any clear answer regarding the situation.

The sound of Evanescence is undeniably unique and very strong. Lead singer Amy Lee has a very powerful voice that resonates throughout every song on the album. The music style is varied

throughout the album, creating a very developed sound that is definitely unique enough to define Evanescence. The credibility of the music alone is clear. A collection of mostly heavy rock songs, "My Immortal" and "Hello" shine as well as strong ballads crooned by the beautiful solo voice of Lee. The lyrics, however, are what create the mystery that currently surrounds Evanescence.

Fallen is very strong lyrically throughout the entirety of the album, but if the lyrics aren't supposed to apply to some sort of spiritual element, then perhaps the lyrics are severely miswritten. From lines in "Tourniquet" saying, "My God my tourniquet / return to me salvation," to lines in "Taking Over Me" that proclaim, "I believe in you / I'll give up everything just to find you / I have to be with you to live to breathe / your taking over me," the message that Evanescence is trying to convey seems blatant. In fact, every song on *Fallen*, in at least some way, is relatable to Christian themes.

Fallen is extremely well done musically, and while a bit conventional in music style,



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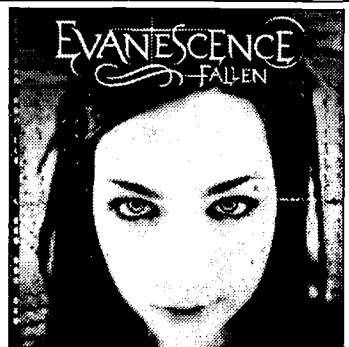
With their ambiguous lyrics and appearance, Evanescence has topped the Christian music charts, but, oddly, they claim not to be a Christian band.

the female lead vocalist is a terrific twist that gives Evanescence a unique sound. But who do Evanescence belong too? Unwilling to bridge the secular and Christian music worlds, Evanescence may need to consider rewriting their songs. The new and different band that seemed to have a very clear purpose has now landed themselves in a very murky puddle of questioning fans. Who is Evanescence — or better said who is it that they think they are?

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ALBUM REVIEW

Yorn passes his sophomore test

By RYAN RAFFERTY
Scene Music Critic

For years the music industry has been plagued by awful sophomore albums. Often, artists who have an extremely pop-



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Pete Yorn's second album succeeds with the same formula as his debut last year.

ular debut album seem to have trouble creating another great album, but this is not the case with Pete Yorn. His debut album, *musicforthemorningafter*, garnered critical acclaim and brief radio play. Yorn's debut was filled with melancholy folk rock gems and pop guitar riffs and hooks that made the album great. His second effort, *Day I Forgot*, continues in the exact same musical vein. Yorn himself says in the bonus material included on the album that, "Day I Forgot is like an extension of *musicforthemorningafter*."

Day I Forgot is characterized by the same melancholy sound and catchy choruses and guitar riffs, but the songs are much more energetic than on Yorn's debut. While his debut album had many ballads and slower songs, *Day I Forgot* is filled with pop rock guitar riffs with the occasional rocker thrown in. Although there are more energetic songs, they still sound like they could have come from Yorn's debut album. In fact, Yorn could have released the two albums together and they would have sounded even better. He doesn't change his sound much at all on *Day I Forgot*, and that's a good thing. Many artists feel they have to recreate themselves on later releases, but Yorn does an excellent job of expanding on his already established sound.

Musically, *Day I Forgot* is excellent. Many of the songs have a country air to them, without actually being classified as country. Yorn straddles the line between

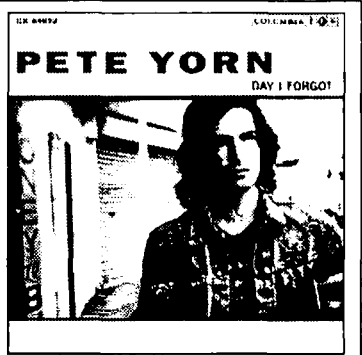
rock and country perfectly, much like bands like Wilco and Son Volt have done in the past. But the songs are still very catchy, and almost every song gets stuck in your head. Any track off of this album could be a potential single on the radio. There are more rockers on *Day I Forgot*, than on *musicforthemorningafter*, such as the heavy, "Carlos (Don't Let it Go to Your Head)" or the goofy, "Burrito."

The lyrics on *Day I Forgot* are for the most part very personal and capture a certain feeling, but on some tracks the lyrics get incredibly silly. "Burrito" for example, is about driving to 7-11s in search of a burrito. Other songs, however, find Yorn longing to be in love, "Long Way Down," or reminiscing about his life away from music, "Come Back Home." All the songs, however, are very melodic and very catchy.

The best track on *Day I Forgot* is by far "Crystal Village." The track begins with a

Day I Forgot
Pete Yorn

Sony Records



lightly picked acoustic guitar riff, then Yorn's thick, raspy vocals enter with strings bellowing in the distance. Soon the song explodes into an emotionally charged chorus with a heavy guitar carrying the melody. Other standout tracks include the acoustically driven, "Come Back Home," and the country ballad, "All At Once."

There aren't many negative things to be said about Yorn's excellent *Day I Forgot*. The only complaint a listener may have is that Yorn has not changed his sound at all on his sophomore album. He has simply recreated his debut album, which works very well. Overall, Yorn has created and emotionally charged pop rock album that is one of the best sophomore albums to date.

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ALBUM REVIEW

The next country 'It Girl'

By CHRISTIE BOLSEN
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Country fans looking for the next "It Girl" in Nashville may have to look no further than 19-year-old Tennessee native, Jessica Andrews. Her third album, *Now*, shows off



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Jessica Andrews treats fans to her incredible vocals on her latest release.

her powerful, sultry voice that helped her reach gold status and fame with her last release, *Who I Am*.

No track exhibits her amazing singing ability more than the stirring "God, Don't Give Up on Us." With the pleading lyrics and gorgeous piano, Andrews manages what Clint Black, Toby Keith and Darryl Worley could not do — she sings a song reflecting the turmoil of war that actually is sincere.

While the three grown men, and a slew of other country stars, attempt political commentary with ignorant lyrics, ideologically irritating accusations or bitter pride, "God, Don't Give Up on Us" takes the pain and hope of war and strings it across the beautiful background of her incredible voice — without pointing fingers or taking sides. "Forgive our dark desires, and the pain we've caused / Please don't close Your eyes, to the part of us / That's beautiful ... still beautiful."

Other highlights of the album include "When Gentry Plays Guitar," which should speak straight to the heart of anyone susceptible to falling for musicians. "The girls at the bar watch him roll away the stone / Pisces Apple Lady, Delta Queen / He lets down his long brown hair, I wish he belonged to me / But he don't, he belongs to the song and the melody." The sparkling acoustic and steel guitars are leisurely and cheerful, oblivious to the wistful

words of a girl who can't get the guitar-playing guy to tear his attention away from his music.

Most of the other tracks are forgettable, ordinary love songs, but even these are fun and easy listening. One of the best of these is the swaying, darker sounding "I Bring It to You." Andrews shows her range with glossy low notes that soar impressively with the chorus: "I bring it to you / There's magic in all that you do / I bring you the scraps that make up my soul."

One of the most inspired love songs is the wonderful "Cowboy Guarantee." Even though Andrews has much less of a traditional country sound than older artists, even with the ever-present fiddles and steel guitars, the lyrics of "Cowboy Guarantee" are classic country. The lonely fiddle interlude complements the sad, dreamy song: "Beneath the stars and Texas moonlight I gave my heart away / But you can't tame a river and I wouldn't want to try."

Unfortunately, while Andrews can sing

Now

Jessica
Andrews

Dreamworks Records



with the best of Nashville, she shows her youth and inexperience when she tries her hand at songwriting. The two songs she helps write, "There's More to Me Than You" and "Good Time," are bouncy and bright in tempo but lacking in lyrical creativity and fresh sound. However, patient listeners can hear the far superior version of the first song, which is a hidden track recorded as a ballad at the end of the album.

Even though there are weak tracks with a distinctly recycled resonance, Andrews displays versatility and depth with many of the songs on *Now*. With her standout vocals and immediately likable melodies, Andrews will only get better with age.

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NHL

Lightning hangs on for 4-3 win over Devils

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla.

The Tampa Bay Lightning blew a big lead, though not an opportunity to climb back into their playoff series with the New Jersey Devils.

The Lightning squandered a three-goal advantage, but Dave Andreychuk snapped a third-period tie and lifted Tampa Bay to a victory over the Devils in Game 3 of the second-round matchup.

Playing with the same sense of urgency that helped them overcome a two-game deficit in the first round, the Lightning now trail the Devils 2-1 as they try to rally in the Eastern Conference semifinals.

"It's another lesson, something we battled through. ... To come back in the third period, keep our patience and find a way, it's something you can draw on when you get in those situations again," he added.

Andreychuk scored the game-winner with 13:52 remaining, taking advantage of the Devils being unable to complete a line change that left New Jersey with four forwards and just one defenseman in front of goaltender Martin Brodeur.

Devils coach Pat Burns screamed at the officials and pounded on the boards in front of his bench when defenseman Colin White was ordered off the ice.

"After all these years in the league, am I that stupid that I would put four forwards and one defenseman in a 3-3 tie in the third period? I think everybody who knows me here knows I'm not that stupid," Burns said.

"I might be halfway stupid, but not that stupid. It was the wrong call. ... We played hard and fought back. If we lose the game

because they scored a couple of good goals, and they outplayed us, fine. But I just feel bad about losing the game like that."

Nikolai Khabibulin rebounded from a shaky second period to make two key saves in the final two minutes with New Jersey desperately trying to take advantage of a power play.

"It was a do-or-die game for them, and obviously we didn't have that approach," New Jersey's Jeff Friesen said.

The Devils won the first two games of the series at home, but the victory bolstered the Lightning's confidence that they can again rally to prolong their first playoff appearance in seven years.

"We're still down 1-2. We've got a game in our building," Andreychuk said. "The pressure is on to win."

New Jersey played most of the game without captain Scott Stevens, who left early in the first period after a shot by Tampa Bay's Pavel Kubina hit him in the left ear, opening a cut that required stitches.

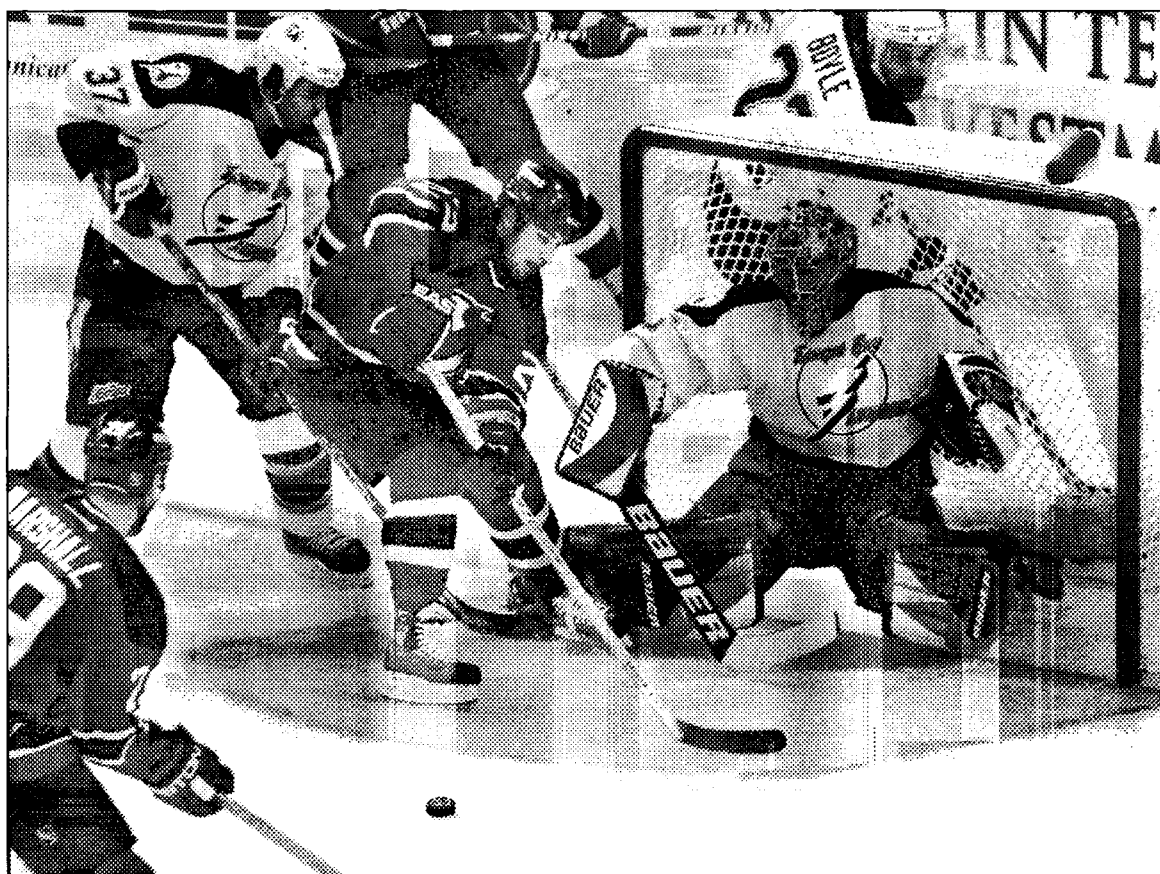
"I think losing Scotty definitely hurt us," Burns said. "I think morale-wise it hurt us a little bit to see the gladiator that he is come off the ice the way he did. I think that really shook the bench up a little bit."

Dallas 2, Anaheim 1

Somebody finally slowed down the Mighty Ducks.

Jere Lehtinen scored both Dallas goals, and Marty Turco stopped 31 shots Monday night as the Stars defeated Anaheim in their Western Conference semifinal series.

The Ducks, who swept the Stanley Cup champion Detroit Red Wings in the first round, still hold a 2-1 edge over Dallas in the best-of-seven series.



Reuters Live Photo

New Jersey Devils' Grant Marshall takes a shot against the Lightning's Nikolai Khabibulin in Tampa Bay's 4-3 win Monday.

Lehtinen, who beat Jean-Sebastien Giguere on a rebound in the opening minutes of the game, snapped a 1-1 tie when he deflected a shot by Derian Hatcher past the Mighty Ducks goaltender on a power play at 3:41 of the second period.

Giguere had 30 saves and had no real chance to stop the two shots that got past him.

The first two games of the series went into overtime. Anaheim won the opener 4-3 early in the fifth overtime, the fourth longest game in NHL history. The Ducks won Game 2 early in the first overtime, taking a 3-2

victory.

In the first round, Anaheim won twice in overtime.

After Lehtinen scored 2:24 in to give Dallas a quick lead, Steve Rucchin tied it on a power play at 16:09.

Rucchin, alone near the goal line on the right side, took a pass from Paul Kariya, skated in on Turco and shot from five feet. The puck slid across the crease, struck Richard Matvichuk's skate and deflected into the net behind Turco.

The goal, Rucchin's third, was only Anaheim's second power-play goal in 25 opportunities in

the postseason.

Niko Kapanen began the sequence that led to the Stars' first goal, taking a slap shot from the top of the right circle. Giguere moved to his left and blocked the shot with his left skate, but the puck bounced out to Rob DiMaio. DiMaio wristed a shot right back, but Giguere managed to extend his right leg and stop it with his skate.

Again, the puck bounced out in front of the crease and Lehtinen quickly knocked it into the net before Giguere could get back into position. The goal was Kapanen's second of the playoffs.

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LPGA

Wie heads back to classroom

Associated Press

STOCKBRIDGE, Ga.

Time to put down the golf clubs and grab those schoolbooks. Michelle Wie has, like, a math test to take.

As the eighth-grader is prone to say, that's cool.

Wie is content to give women's golf a handful of tantalizing glimpses each year — at least until she's 18, even longer if she follows through on her plans to attend college.

She's still more than six months away from her 14th birthday, holding the future of the sport in her grasp even as she pauses to watch "S Club 7" (the televised adventures of a British pop group) or listen to a rap CD by 50 Cent.

Wie has played in two LPGA events this year, more than holding her own against women two, three, even four times her age. She tied for ninth at the first major of the year, the Kraft Nabisco Championship. She followed up this past weekend with a solid 3-under 213 at the Chick-fil-A Charity Championship south of Atlanta, making the cut against a strong field.

Wie could join the tour tomorrow and probably be one of the better players. But she has no desire to speed up the learning curve, willingly settling for the LPGA's allotment of six events each year.

Next up: the ShopRite Classic in New Jersey on the last weekend of June.

"I think six times is OK for me now," Wie said. "I may get sick of it if I played every week out here."

This way, she's having the time

of her life.

Already 6 feet tall, the young Hawaiian's smooth, powerful swing has drawn comparisons to Ernie Els. Big Easy, meet the Big Wiesy.

No one on the women's tour hits the ball as far or as high as Wie, who didn't hesitate trying to drive the green on the 306-yard seventh hole at Eagles Landing Country Club. Everyone else laid up.

"If you didn't see who was swinging, and you saw the ball take off, you'd think a man hit it," Hall of Famer Nancy Lopez said. "The ball is so hot coming off the face, and the flight is so high."

Wie is definitely intrigued by the idea of following Annika Sorenstam to the PGA Tour. Sorenstam will play in the Colonial next month, a groundbreaking event that may be a precursor to Wie's own career plans.

"Sure," she said. "Why not?"

Even now, according to her father, Wie is more comfortable teeing up with men. She's signed to play a Canadian Tour event this summer and doesn't hide her desire to make a run at the Masters through one of the amateur qualifying events.

"She watches how the men play," B.J. Wie said. "She listens to the sound of the club head, the way the ball sounds. Instinctively, she tries to keep up with them. It will help Michelle get better playing with men. She plays like they play. She likes to be more aggressive. She doesn't mind going into the rough if she's 100 yards ahead of everyone else."

Wie's coach, Gary Gilchrist, said his star pupil already has a club speed that measures up to

players on the PGA Tour. She's a good 15 percent quicker than those she competed with in the Chick-fil-A.

"She has those long arms, and she can really coil the body," Gilchrist said. "The other thing that helps is her technique is very good. She has great fundamentals. When everything is in sync, she can really hit it far."

There's still some things to work on. Wie doesn't have the time — and there's really no need at this point — to take up a strenuous training program like golfers who play for a living. Admittedly, the youngster tired out on a bit Sunday in warm, humid temperatures.

Also, Wie needs to toughen up mentally, another natural progression as she goes through her teenage years.

"Just playing at this level will help her mentally," Gilchrist said. "The big thing is learning to hate bogeys and love pars."

After the ShopRite, Wie will play in the Jamie Farr Kroger Classic Aug. 14-17, the Safeway Classic Sept. 26-28 and the C.J. Nine Bridges Classic in her parents' native South Korea on Oct. 16-19.

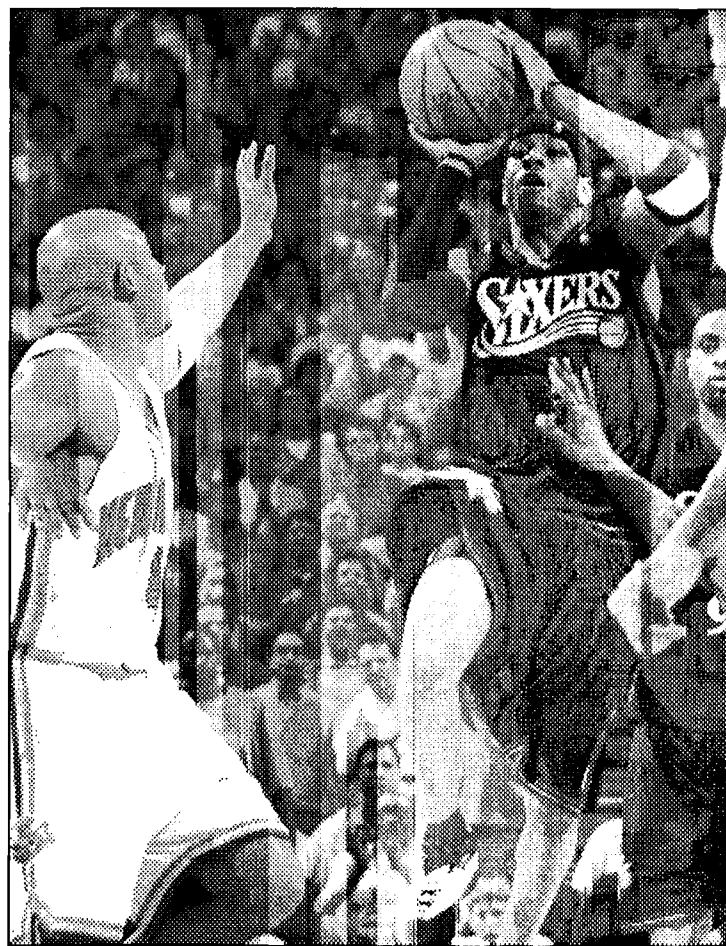
Somewhere in there, she'll find time to begin ninth grade.

"I'd like to see Michelle have as normal a childhood as she possibly can," LPGA commissioner Ty Votaw said. "When she's ready to become a member of the LPGA tour, we'll welcome her with open arms."

Wie comes from a family that values education and she wants to attend Stanford (where her hero, a guy named Tiger Woods, once played). Of course, those plans could change over the next 4 1/2 years.

NBA

Balanced effort gives 76ers win



Getty Images

Philadelphia guard Allen Iverson shoots from half court in the 76ers 96-87 win over the Hornets Monday night.

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS

The Philadelphia 76ers didn't need a heroic effort from Allen Iverson to regain command of their playoff series with the New Orleans Hornets.

Iverson's 22 points were his lowest total in the series. But five other Sixers scored in double figures in a 96-87 victory that gave Philadelphia a 3-1 series lead, with Game 5 in Philadelphia on Wednesday night.

The balanced scoring and rebounding effort by the Sixers spoiled a 34-point performance by Baron Davis, who received too little help from the rest of the team to pull the Hornets even in the series.

Eric Snow had 17 points and 12 assists for Philadelphia, while Keith Van Horn scored 13 points.

Kenny Thomas, Derrick Coleman and Aaron McKie each scored 11.

McKie's final bucket, a 3-pointer with 2:45 left, sealed the game, giving Philadelphia a 94-82 lead.

Iverson found McKie wide open in the corner for the basket and started yelling, "Yeah, yeah," before the ball had even left McKie's hands.

Although the Hornets were within striking distance well into the fourth quarter, Philadelphia always found a way to reverse the momentum.

It never lost the lead after Iverson gave the Sixers a 19-18 lead with a one-handed floater off the glass.

New Orleans had its deficit down to 81-80 after David Wesley followed P.J. Brown's jumper with a 3-pointer.

But the Sixers came back with a 6-0 run on a jumper by Snow, a dunk by Coleman and a long jump shot by Iverson as he fell backward.

Wesley finished with 12 points for New Orleans, while Brown had 11 points and nine rebounds.

Philadelphia redeemed itself on the boards. Although Thomas' eight rebounds were a team high, the Sixers outrebounded the Hornets as a team 43-38, two nights after being embarrassed 51-33 in that department in Game 3.

The Sixers also improved their offensive rebounding total from six to 17.

Philadelphia scored six quick points to start the game, but by midway through the quarter the Sixers were 2-for-15 from the field as the Hornets ran to a 13-6 lead.

Iverson missed his first five shots while Davis hit his first three.

When the 76ers settled down, however, they couldn't miss. Iverson hit his next two shots and the Sixers their next seven as part of a 13-2 run that put Philadelphia back ahead 23-18.

The Sixers opened a 51-37 lead in the second period, thanks in part to the Hornets being over the limit in team fouls with 4:24 to go in the half. McKie hit a jumper, a 3-pointer and a free throw in succession to close out a 10-0 run.

The lead was trimmed to 52-45 at halftime only because Davis closed the period with a pair of free throws and a two 3s, giving him 24 points for the half.

New Orleans had cut a 59-50 third-quarter deficit to 65-64. But helped once again by New Orleans being over the limit in team fouls, Philadelphia went on a 9-2 run to close the quarter.

Iverson finished the period with a scoop shot as he soared diagonally across the lane, giving the Sixers a 74-66 lead to start the final period.



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NCAA BASKETBALL

Eustachy pictures shown from campus party

Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — Iowa State University's men's basketball coach has told the school's athletic director he used "bad judgment" and made "bad decisions" at a party near the University of Missouri campus in late January.

Athletic Director Bruce Van De Velde said coach Larry Eustachy came to him and President Gregory Geoffroy this month after finding out that a student at the party had given photographs of Eustachy to The Des Moines Register.

According to The Register's copyright story, 12 photos

show Eustachy during the early hours of Jan. 23 with beer. In several photos he's embracing and kissing women on the cheek or being kissed on the cheek. The Register printed a few photos in its Monday edition.

Eustachy, 47, went to the party at a student apartment with Missouri men's basketball player Josh Kroenke hours after the Cyclones lost, 64-59, to the Tigers. A Missouri spokesman said Kroenke confirmed attending the party with Eustachy.

Neither Iowa State officials nor Eustachy, through his lawyer Jerry Crawford, disputed the photos' authenticity. Van De Velde has previously

confirmed the authenticity of a photo of Eustachy and a group of young adults posted on a Missouri Tigers' fan Web site. That photo appeared days after the January game.

Eustachy, paid more than \$1 million a year, is the state's highest-paid public employee.

Eustachy's contract with Iowa State runs through 2011.

It stipulates that he must provide "positive representation of the university and the university's athletic programs in private and public."

In a statement issued by Eustachy, he confirmed meeting with Geoffroy and Van De Velde last week about "a variety of issues."

"In the past, I have made

some poor decisions that I regret," Eustachy said. "It's important to represent ISU in a manner that sheds a positive light on the university and the Cyclone mens basketball team."

Van De Velde wouldn't say if disciplinary action has been taken or was pending against Eustachy.

NCAA FOOTBALL

QB meets to discuss race issue with coach

Associated Press

CORAL GABLES, Fla. — Miami Hurricanes quarterback Derrick Crudup Jr., who claimed race played a role in the decision to give a teammate the starting job, met with coach Larry Coker to discuss the issue.

Also attending the 75-minute meeting were Crudup's father, former NFL player Derrick Crudup Sr., and quarterbacks coach Dan Werner.

"It was an outstanding meeting," Crudup Sr. said.

Asked if his son will remain at Miami for the 2003 season, Crudup Sr. said, "Absolutely."

The family declined further comment, pending the release Tuesday of a joint statement by the Crudups and Coker.

School spokesman Doug Walker said those attending the meeting "came to a satisfactory resolution." He declined to elaborate.

Crudup Jr. lost out to Brock Berlin in their battle this spring to succeed Ken Dorsey as the starting quarterback. Crudup is black and Berlin is white.

Crudup and his father said the competition was compromised by racially insensitive comments from Werner, who is white. The Crudups said Werner used terms such as "redneck" and "cracker" when referring to himself in front of Crudup Jr. during the team's quarterbacks meetings.

Coker issued a statement

before meeting with the Crudups.

"I am concerned about the allegations made regarding Derrick Crudup Jr. and our quarterbacks coach, Dan Werner," Coker said. "These are serious allegations that demand serious consideration."

Coker didn't return phone calls seeking further comment. Werner declined to comment through a school spokesman.

Several Miami players said they never heard Werner make the sort of comments that Crudup complained about.

"He might have been just joking around, but I never heard anything like that," tight end Kellen Winslow said. "Coach Werner is a good guy. He's not racist at all."

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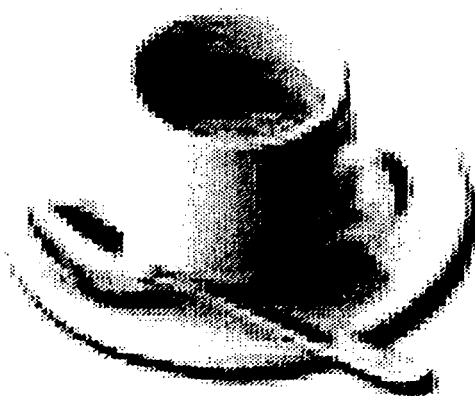
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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Millwood takes step to being an ace with no-hitter

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA

Kevin Millwood eschewed baseball superstition, sought out hitting coach Greg Gross, sat down and talked about his swing.

No big deal?

This conversation took place while the Philadelphia Phillies were batting in the bottom of the eighth inning and Millwood was just three outs away from pitching his first career no-hitter in a 1-0 victory over the San Francisco Giants on Sunday.

"I kept trying to talk to him. I'd say stuff just to get him to talk to me," Millwood said. "About the fifth inning, more and more guys don't want to talk to you."

Fearful of jinxing a pitcher who is flirting with a no-hitter, players, coaches and dugout personnel traditionally ignore the starter between innings. None of the Phillies were about to break the unwritten rule.

"It was really weird, because everybody knew but nobody was saying anything," catcher Mike Lieberthal said. "It was utterly, dead quiet."

Millwood wanted no part of the silence.

He walked over to Gross and told him he thought he missed two hittable pitches in his last at-bat, before flying out to center fielder Marquis Grissom.

Millwood then went out to the mound, retired pinch-hitters Neifi Perez and Marvin Benard on grounders and got Grissom to fly out to center fielder Ricky Ledee to finish his gem. The 28-year-old right-hander

struck out 10, walked three and came close to allowing a hit only three times.

Ledee made a leaping one-handed catch on Grissom's hard liner to right-center to start the seventh. Barry Bonds hit a long drive to right that Bobby Abreu caught near the wall in the fourth. Jose Cruz Jr. hit a long fly that hooked outside the right-field foul pole in the second.

"That was unbelievable," Phillies manager Larry Bowa said. "As a manager, that's the best I've seen."

Millwood's toughest test came in the seventh when Bonds came to the plate with two outs and the Phillies clinging to a one-run lead against the NL's top team.

But Millwood struck out baseball's single-season home-run king on four pitches, freezing Bonds with a 91-mph fastball that electrified a Veterans Stadium crowd of 40,016 that had been standing and cheering the entire inning.

"The lead is on the line, the no-hitter is on the line, everything is on the line," Millwood said. "But when I got through Bonds, I knew I had a shot."

Millwood didn't have his best stuff against the Giants, so he relied on his fastball, throwing it 81 of his 108 pitches. He threw 20 sliders, 15 of which were balls, five curves and two changeups.

"He was awesome. It couldn't happen to a better guy," said first baseman Jim Thome, the first teammate to greet Millwood, embracing him after the final out.

Unassuming and not very excitable, Millwood put his

right finger up the air when Grissom lofted the fly ball and held it there as Ledee made the catch. After celebrating with teammates, he tipped his hat to the crowd twice on his way to the clubhouse, then came out for one more curtain call.

"It was one of those special days," Millwood said.

Earlier in the week, Millwood wasn't even scheduled to pitch Sunday. But to make sure his ace pitched on his normal four days' rest, Bowa pushed Brett Myers back from Tuesday to Wednesday and moved Millwood up one day.

Millwood allowed one run and three hits in six innings of a 5-2 victory over Colorado on Tuesday and came back four days later with his finest performance.

"I want my best pitcher out there every fifth day," Bowa said.

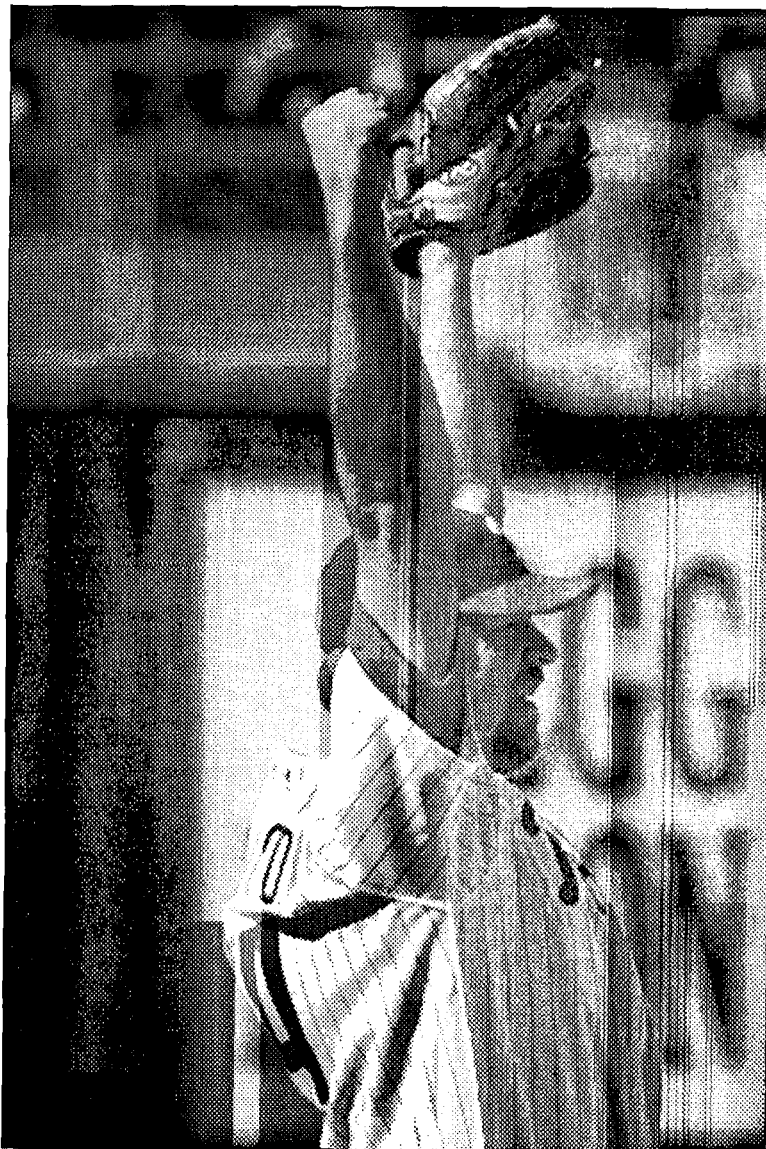
That sits well with Millwood.

"I'd love to stay on a five-day schedule," he said.

Millwood was mentored by one of the best pitching staffs in baseball, the Atlanta Braves. He learned from Greg Maddux, Tom Glavine and John Smoltz, a trio with seven Cy Young awards among them and zero no-hitters.

But the Braves needed to reduce payroll last offseason, so they traded Millwood to the Phillies for minor-league catcher Johnny Estrada. Millwood signed a \$9.9 million, one-year contract with the Phillies, and stepped in right away as the No. 1 starter on a team with playoff expectations.

"I knew he was someone who not only could pitch, but someone who could lead the way for



KRT

Kevin Millwood celebrates his no-hitter in Sunday's game against the San Francisco Giants.

our younger guys," Phillies general manager Ed Wade said.

Millwood, a two-time 18-game winner, is 79-47 with a

3.72 ERA lifetime.

A game ball and the cap Millwood wore will be added to the collections of the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown.

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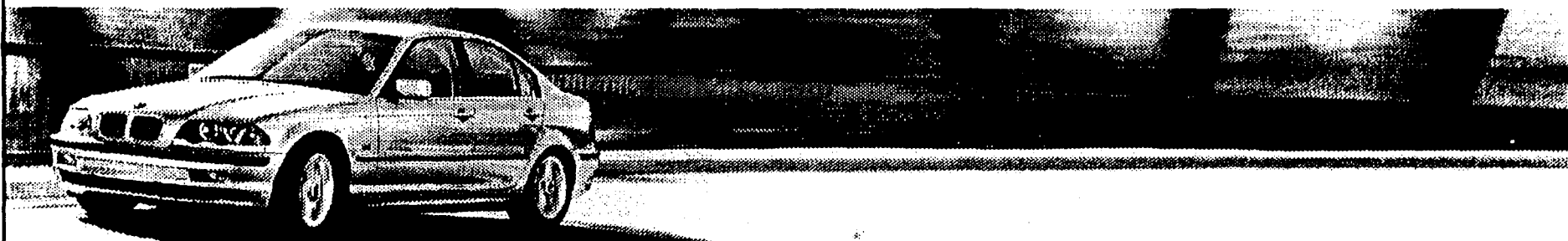
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American League East

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
New York	20-5	.800	8-2	-
Boston	16-9	.640	6-4	4
Baltimore	12-12	.500	5-4	7.5
Tampa Bay	10-15	.400	5-5	10
Toronto	10-16	.385	4-6	10.5

American League Central

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Kansas City	17-5	.773	6-4	-
Chicago Sox	14-11	.560	5-5	4.5
Minnesota	10-14	.417	2-8	8
Cleveland	7-18	.280	2-8	11.5
Detroit	3-20	.130	2-8	14.5

American League West

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Seattle	16-9	.640	8-2	-
Oakland	15-10	.600	7-3	1
Anaheim	11-14	.440	3-7	5
Texas	11-14	.440	5-5	5

National League East

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Philadelphia	15-10	.600	6-4	-
Montreal	15-10	.600	6-4	-
Atlanta	15-10	.600	8-2	-
Florida	13-13	.500	6-4	2.5
NY Mets	11-14	.440	6-4	4

National League Central

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Chicago	14-11	.560	5-5	-
St. Louis	11-12	.478	4-6	2
Houston	11-13	.458	3-7	2.5
Pittsburgh	10-14	.417	2-8	3.5
Cincinnati	10-15	.400	5-5	4
Milwaukee	9-16	.360	4-6	5

National League West

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
San Francisco	18-6	.750	5-5	-
Colorado	14-11	.560	5-5	4.5
Los Angeles	12-13	.480	6-4	6.5
Arizona	10-15	.400	6-4	8.5
San Diego	10-15	.400	3-7	8.5

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	team	record
1	Cal-State Fullerton	38-8
2	Florida State	36-7
3	Rice	40-7
4	Nebraska	33-11
5	Long Beach State	28-13
6	Texas	35-13
7	North Carolina State	36-10
8	Arizona State	42-9
9	Stanford	28-13
10	Louisiana State	30-13
11	Florida Atlantic	37-10
12	Texas A&M	35-13
13	Georgia Tech	32-11
14	Auburn	32-13
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16	Mississippi State	30-12
17	Miami	29-11
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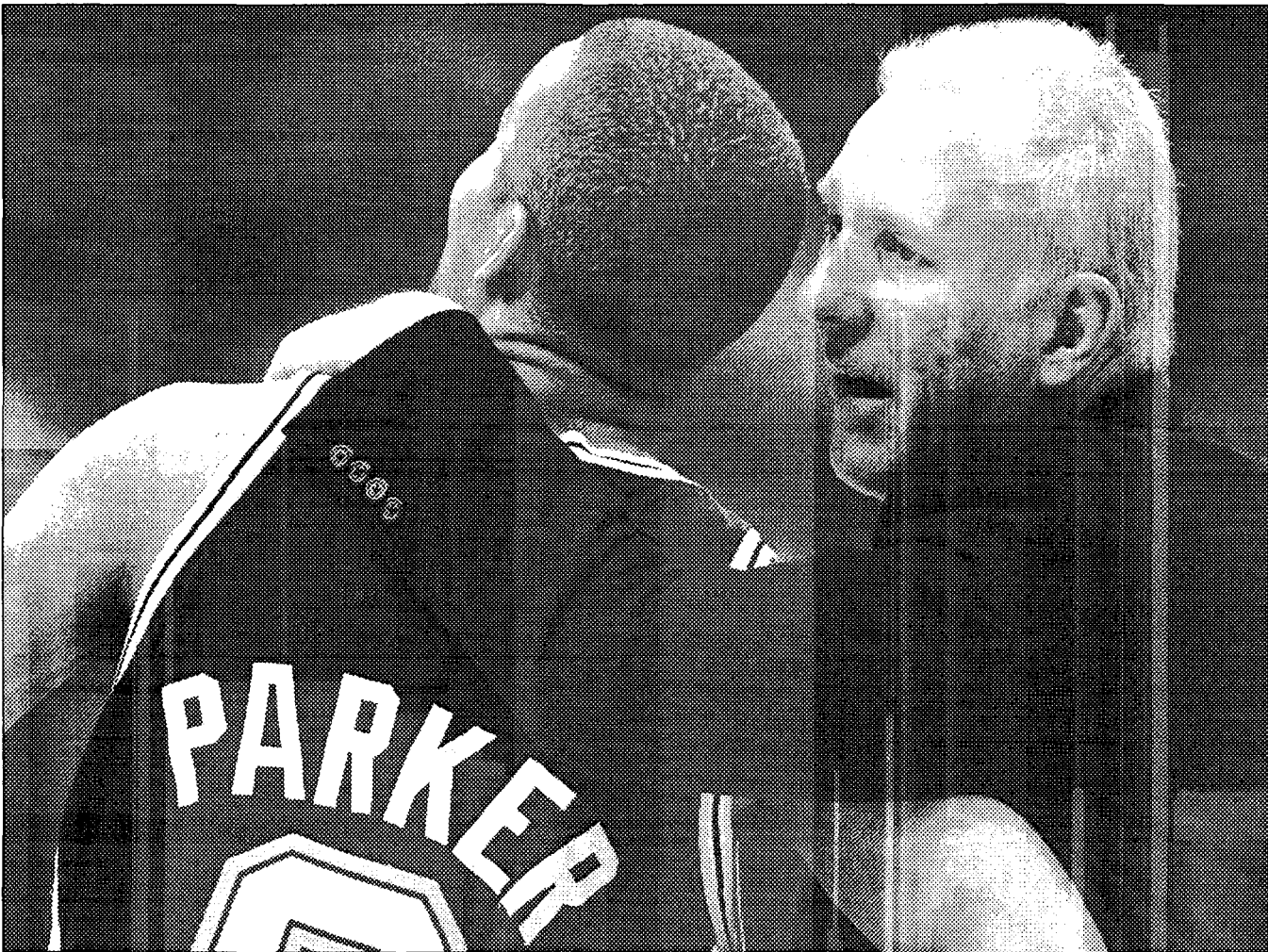
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Sacramento Spurs head coach Gregg Popovich talks with Spurs' player Tony Parker during a game earlier this season. Popovich won the NBA Coach of the Year award on Monday, becoming the first Spurs coach to do so.

Popovich wins Coach of the Year award

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO Gregg Popovich won the NBA Coach of the Year award Monday for leading the San Antonio Spurs to the league's best record.

Popovich, the first Spurs coach to win the award, received 40 out of a possible 121 first-place votes from a panel of sports writers and broadcasters.

Golden State Warriors coach Eric Musselman was second with 26 first-place votes, and Utah Jazz coach Jerry Sloan was third with 18.

The Spurs went 60-22

and won their third straight Midwest Division title under Popovich, who became coach in December 1996.

He gave credit for the award to his staff and players, particularly Tim Duncan.

"A few years ago, we won the No. 1 pick in the lottery," he told reporters. "Everybody raise your hand if we hadn't gotten Duncan, who thinks Popovich would still be standing here?"

San Antonio once trailed Dallas by 8 1/2 games in the division this season, but beginning Jan. 1 the Spurs went 41-9 to pass the

Mavericks in the final week of the season.

Popovich has a regular-season record of 339-185, giving him the most wins of any San Antonio coach, and he has a .647 winning percentage over seven seasons.

He is 35-26 in the playoffs. The Spurs are tied with Phoenix in the opening-round series after blowing an 11-point fourth-quarter lead in Game 4 to lose 86-84. Game 5 is Tuesday night in San Antonio.

"It's an honor, and a humbling experience," he said of the award, "but I'd trade it for a win in

Phoenix last night."

When asked how he plans to celebrate the award, he said, "I'll be going to the film room to try to figure out some ways to do some things better against Phoenix."

Reserve guard Steve Kerr said Popovich didn't even mention the honor at a team meeting Monday.

"He's not the kind of guy who's seeking the limelight, especially when we lost the game last night," Kerr said.

Guard Stephen Jackson said Popovich has done a great job harnessing the energy and talent of the team's young players, himself included.

IN BRIEF

NCAA to decide on new rules for college basketball

College basketball may have wider lanes, longer 3-point attempts and more replays on game-winning shots as early as next season.

The NCAA men's basketball rules committee begins three days of meetings Tuesday in Indianapolis. The most significant proposals would be those most visible changing the lines on the court.

The committee is considering expanding the college lane from 12 feet to either the NBA distance of 16 feet or the trapezoid that is used in international competition.

It also will debate extending the 3-point line from 19 feet, 9 inches to the international standard of 20 feet, 6 inches.

"As far as the lane, I think the committee will make some kind of decision," said Edward Bilik, the committee's secretary rules editor. "I'm not sure about the 3-point line."

If the committee recommends

changes this week, the NCAA championship committee would still have to approve them in June.

If approved this week, the changes could take effect as early as next season. The implementation could be delayed, however, by costs or if schools are unable to reconfigure their floors in time for next season.

"They could do anything," said Marty Benson, the NCAA rules committee liaison. "They could vote on the two proposals together, or they could decide to do one or the other."

The committee also will consider an expansion in the use of television replay at the end of games.

Current rules allow replay only to be used for determining whether a shot was off before the game clock expired.

Following a controversial ending to an Oklahoma-Oklahoma State game last season, the committee will consider adding shot clock violations, goaltending or offensive interference, and whether a player was fouled in

the act of 3-pointer or a 2-pointer on game-winners for review.

Schilling moved to DL

The Arizona Diamondbacks placed Curt Schilling on the 15-day disabled list on Monday, retroactive to his last start on April 18.

Schilling, who underwent an appendectomy in St. Louis on April 20, had been scheduled to start Thursday against Florida. Monday's move pushed that start back two days to Saturday, when Schilling is scheduled to face the Atlanta Braves.

The right-hander had hoped to come back sooner, but had experienced some discomfort during bullpen sessions. Rookie Andrew Good will start in Schilling's place on Thursday.

The move allowed the Diamondbacks to activate catcher Rod Barajas, who had been on the disabled list since straining his left hamstring April 6 against Colorado. Barajas was in the starting lineup against Florida on Monday night.

TRACK AND FIELD

Irish prepare for Big East championships

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

With many athletes taking the weekend off to prepare for the upcoming Big East Championships, some other Irish athletes had the chance to shine at the Drake Relays and Boilermaker Open.

Notre Dame's 4 x 1600 meter relay fell just short in their attempt to defend the crown from last year's Drake Relays where Kevin Somok, Vinny Ambrico, Eric Morrison and Luke Watson finished third in 16 minutes, 48.57 seconds, while first place finisher Stanford ran it in 16:31.19.

Meanwhile, last year's Big East Champion in the 110-meter hurdles Selim Nurudeen qualified for the finals with his 14.01 second place finish in his heat Friday. That time is a season

best, and Nurudeen was the sixth-fastest qualifier for the finals. Saturday, Nurudeen ran to fifth place with a time of 14.19 seconds. However, Nurudeen wasn't satisfied, despite making the finals for the first time.

"It could have been a better race in the finals, but it was better than last year," Nurudeen said. "It is going to be hard [to win the Big East Championship], but this was a great momentum builder and I look to carry it into this weekend."

Thomas Chamney joined Nurudeen at Drake, as he took fifth in the 800-meters with a time of 1:57.91 Saturday. Chamney will most likely be the mens top entry in the 800-meters next weekend.

The women only sent two distance runners, and both were in the 1,500 meters. Freshman Stephanie Madia took 11th (4:32.46), while Kerry Meagher took 16th with a time of 4:35.35.

Meanwhile, while their teammates were enjoying the prestigious Drake Relays, other Irish athletes braved the cold in West Lafayette, Ind. where they competed in Purdue's Boilermaker Open.

Freshmen Meghan Horn and Stacey Cowan led the way for the women, each winning their respective events. Horn won the womens shot put with a throw of 13.60 meters, which Cowan ran her first 100-meter hurdles, winning in 14.67 seconds, also good for a Big East qualification.

Jennifer Kearney also had a strong showing, as she took second place in the high jump, clearing 1.65 meters. Horn matched Kearney's second place finish with one of her own, in the discus with a season best effort of 43.13 meters.

Another freshman seeing success was Elizabeth Webster, who ran to third place in the 1,500 meters with a time of 4:44.11.

Joining the plethora of successful freshmen, Cowan also took fifth in the long jump (5.37 meters), and Tanya Cheatham was fifth in the 100-meter dash (12.30) as well.

Finally, Melissa Schmidt took fifth place in the 5,000 meters (18:27.41).

On the mens side, Mark Barber won the 400-meter hurdles with a season best time of 53.22. This is the second week in a row Barber has posted a season best. Barber also placed fourth in the 110-meter hurdles, with another season best, 14.66.

Juan Alba made a name for himself as well, finishing second in the hammer throw (54.17 meters), a season best effort by over a meter.

Meanwhile, Ryan Hurd sprinted to a third place finish in the 200-meter dash (21.38). However, his efforts did not end there, as Hurd also placed sixth in the 100-meter dash (11.19).

Barber was joined in the 400-meter hurdles by teammate and fourth place finisher Napoleon Suarez, as he finished in 55.55.

In the field, Chris Staron cleared 2.07 meters in the high jump, good enough for fourth place. He was joined by top javelin thrower, freshman Derek Goguen, who also earned fourth place with a season best throw of 58.95 meters. Tom Gilbert wrapped up the field events with his fifth place finish in the long jump (6.87 meters).

The Irish look to build off the momentum the weekend's events into the upcoming Big East Championship. Notre Dame should be well-rested, as many athletes took the weekend off to prepare for the conference meet, which begins Friday with the decathlon and heptathlon.

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both hair and urine samples in drug tests, Curtin apparently asked fellow offensive tackle Jordan Black to submit a hair sample in his place. The plan failed, and the pair was suspended for Notre Dame's 28-6

loss to North Carolina State in the Gator Bowl and not allowed to travel with the team to Jacksonville, Fla.

Curtin then decided to waive his final year of eligibility and declare for the NFL Draft, where he was drafted in the sixth round by Green Bay. Black, who had used all four years of his college eligibility, was drafted in the fifth round by Kansas City.

"Because he was being deceitful, he was suspended from the team," Packers offensive line coach Larry Beightol told the Journal-Sentinel.

The 6-foot-9, 305-pound Curtin started 11 games for the Irish last year, missing only the USC game because of an injury and the Gator Bowl. The 6-foot-6, 305-pound Black didn't start his home finale against Rutgers because Irish coach Tyrone

Willingham suspended the offensive tackle for reportedly having too many parking violations.

How much the suspensions hurt the pair's draft status is debatable. Packers general manager and head coach Mike Sherman called multiple Notre Dame officials to gauge Curtin's character before concluding the offensive tackle merely made a bad choice, the Journal-Sentinel

said, and Beightol called landing Curtin "a steal."

Curtin and Black have ignored multiple request by The Observer for interviews since the suspension. University officials have repeatedly declined to comment on the pair's suspension.

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University, Ohio State, Miami of Ohio, Purdue, Virginia Tech, University of California Berkley and the defending 2002 national champs University of Texas.

The Irish pulled off an exciting victory over the Longhorns by only four tenths of a point, with impressive performances from senior Emily Smith, sophomores Mary Blazewicz, Susan Jennings and Caitlin O'Brien and freshmen Liz Maher and Anne St. Clair.

St. Clair led the Irish with a first place win on vault, also winning fifth place on floor and

seventh place on the uneven parallel bars. Her standout scores led St. Clair to capture the national championship in the all-around competition.

Smith, co-president of the club, won the national championship on bars with a score of 9.35. She also had a seventh place finish in the all-around, seventh on vault and ninth on the balance beam. O'Brien earned sixth place on floor and ninth on bars, while Blazewicz walked away with a top 20 vault performance. All six gymnasts contributed to the season high team score of 140.775.

Blazewicz, who was at nationals last year when the Irish took fifth place at Ohio State, said that the returning champions from Texas were in the same

rotation as the Irish and had several talented upperclassmen. She said she did not think about taking the national title away from them as much as she just focused on hitting her own routines and helping her teammates hit theirs.

"It was really special to take first place, especially with our graduating senior, Emily Smith, on the team," Blazewicz said. "She has been an irreplaceable part of the team for the past two years, and our whole team was thrilled that she was able to help us win the team competition and take the individual title on uneven bars.

St. Clair has won the individual all-around title at every meet the Irish have competed in this year, making her a huge

factor for Notre Dame gymnastics in the next three years.

"It was also very exciting for one of our freshmen, Anne St. Clair, who has only been here one season but whose consistent high performances and high level of difficulty were instrumental in our victory," Blazewicz said.

O'Brien and Blazewicz both showed their ability to consistently perform clean, solid routines with their second excellent showing at Nationals. With only six gymnasts, every competitor was important in the Irish win.

"Caitlin O'Brien also had an awesome meet, qualifying for two event finals at nationals for the second year in a row," Blazewicz said.

The mens gymnastics team

took home an 11th place team finish, with senior Pete Blouin, junior Todd Moffat, sophomore Dana Collins and freshmen Mike Garter, Aaron Roberts and Andrew Roberts competing for the Irish.

The team turned in season-high scores on still rings and floor, with co-president Blouin qualifying for the individual event finals on floor as the top Irish gymnast.

Since only one senior from the women's team and one from the men's will be graduating, the fairly young teams can expect to see many more big wins for Irish gymnastics in the future.

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SMC SOFTBALL

Belles lose 7 straight, close season at home

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's softball team lost its third straight doubleheader and amounted only one hit in two games as Alma controlled both games in 9-0 and 8-0 respective victories for the Scots Saturday.

Alma (27-4, 12-2 MIAA) clinched its seventh consecutive MIAA regular season title with the wins and will host the conference tournament next Friday and Saturday at Scots Park.

The Belles (15-17-1, 4-8 MIAA) have lost seven games in a row and nine of their last ten. They sit above only 4-9 Adrian and 1-13 Kalamazoo.

Umpires stopped the first game of the doubleheader due to an eight-run rule after five innings, the second time that has happened to Saint Mary's in three games. Marian forced a similar situation in an 11-2 defeat of the Belles.

In the first game, Alma's Leigh Anne LeFave dominated, striking out four batters and walking none en route to a one-hit performance and her fourteenth win of the season.

The Belles' only hit came on a third inning single to right field by second baseman Meghan Marenkowic.

Junior Libby Wilhelmy went the distance for Saint Mary's and got the loss, surrendering nine runs (six earned) on seven hits. Three of Alma's runs came in the bottom of the first inning. Wilhelmy then held the Scots scoreless until a six-run onslaught in the fourth inning.

The second game was worse than the first. In this game, neither Marenkowic nor any other Belles hitter was able to knock a base hit.

Alma's Melissa Tavidian pitched her second no-hitter of the season versus a struggling Saint Mary's team that has been outscored by opponents, 55-14, in its seven straight losses.

Starting pitcher Kate Sajewich of the Belles struck out an impressive eight batters, but she gave up eight runs on fourteen hits. All of the runs were earned.

Saint Mary's closes out the season tomorrow at home against Olivet, who sits fourth in the MIAA with a 16-15 overall record and a 6-5 record in league play.

The doubleheader is a make-up of a postponed, March 29 match-up.

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ND SOFTBALL

Non-conference doubleheader test awaits

♦ Irish want to show No. 7 DePaul last time was a fluke

By MATT LOZAR
Associate Sports Editor

Because of their numerous rainouts, the Irish missed out on a chance at a top-10 non-conference opponent to make up a Big East conference doubleheader.

Today, the Irish get their chance.

Notre Dame (32-11) travels to Chicago this afternoon to face No. 7 DePaul (39-5-1) with the hopes of starting a new winning streak. On Sunday Connecticut snapped Notre Dame's 20-game winning streak, the second longest in school history. The Irish rebounded to beat the Huskies in game two of the doubleheader 6-3.

"We learned we need to make adjustments quickly and to keep winning, we need to continue to make quick adjustments," pitcher Carrie Wisen said.

Over spring break at the Kia Classic, the Irish lost to the then No. 14 Blue Demons 11-2. In that game, the Notre Dame roster was depleted due to a strep throat virus affecting the team. Two players were relegated to the bench and a number of other players fought through the symptoms.

This time, the Irish are at full strength and want to earn some respect against one of the best teams in the country.

"Anytime we get beat, we know we are better than any

team out there," Wisen said. "We want to make sure it doesn't happen again."

There is no weak spot in the Blue Demons' armor with the offense batting .325 and the pitching staff boasting a 0.71 ERA. Individually, Sarah Martz (.483) and Liz Bouck (.418) get on base for DePaul while Kathy Kukman (.370, 36 RBI) and Saskia Roberson (.342, 11 home runs, 37 RBI) provide the power.

Lindsay Chouinard leads the DePaul pitching staff with a 25-4 mark, 0.43 ERA and 172 strikeouts in 195 2/3 innings pitched. Sarah Martz has been almost as good, earning a 14-1 record and 1.26 ERA. This combination of offense and pitching has led the Blue Demons to be one of the top teams in the country.

"We don't really pay attention to rankings. We take each team individually," Wisen said. "It is a really important game as far as post-conference, as far as regionals, to show that we belong."

During the end of the Irish winning streak, a number of players started to heat up in the batter's box. Third baseman Andrea Loman is on a 14-game winning streak, with 23 hits, 14 RBI, three home runs and five stolen bases during the span. Megan Ciolli is hitting .630 with 17 hits and two home runs, and first baseman Lisa Mattison has driven in 15, batting .531 over the past ten games.

Also, Heather Booth continues to pitch well, going 3-1 with two shutouts, 30 strikeouts and a 1.03 ERA over the last ten contests.

Notre Dame and DePaul's



CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

Freshman Meagan Ruthrauff slides into home during their April 23 game against Valparaiso.

doubleheader is set to begin at 4 p.m.

That is, if it doesn't rain. The Irish have lost eight games to bad weather this season and today's forecast calls for after-

noon showers and a 30 percent chance for rain.

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"This season was different because there were four powerhouse teams instead of just one or two. We didn't really know what to expect, but we believed in each other."

Cutler, the lone No. 1 seed among Saint Mary's players, coasted to a championship at No. 3 singles. She defeated Caitlin Kelly of Kalamazoo 6-2, 6-4.

"I was confident about getting to the finals since I had a really good draw," Cutler said. "I am proud of winning since I had some really tough matches."

Other teams in the MIAA might have thought the Belles were less of a force due to their two losses, the first for Saint Mary's in two years.

However, with their tournament win the Belles feel they proved their talent.

"We didn't count ourselves out at all," Palombo said. "When the Albion girls lost the first day and most of us were winning, we just thought that this was ours to get. We went out and proved to be the number one team."

Cutler cited the play of freshmen Palombo and No. 3 doubles player Lindsay Cook as instrumental this season. In addition, No. 7 singles player Miranda Mikulyuk stepped in for No. 6 Angie Sandner, who missed the conference tournament due to an academic conflict.

"The freshmen this season just fit in right away," Cutler said. "We're fortunate to have such a strong seventh player in Miranda to fill in and we were very confident in her."

The MIAA tournament marks the end of the season for the Belles. They finished second overall in the conference, which factors in dual match records and the tournament results. The Belles were 5-2 in the MIAA and 14-5 overall.

"I am proud to be a part of the Saint Mary's team because everyone is so well-respected, so polite and nice on the court," Cutler said. "We had our heads up the whole season and we gave each other the encouragement that we needed."

"It feels amazing to end on such a good note, on top at number one," Palombo added. "I'm sad that it's over, we spent day-in and day-out together to work to achieve this goal."

The tourney win was the third in a row for the Belles, but this season's victory stands out due to the struggles the team faced over the course of their season.

"This is even more special because it was unexpected," said Cutler. "Even though we didn't win first overall, in our hearts we know we are the best team in the conference and that is better than any trophy."

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BASEBALL

Irish get ready to face Michigan on the road

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

Fresh off a critical three-game sweep of Big East rival Connecticut, Notre Dame travels to Comstock Park, Mich. to face the Wolverines at 7:30 p.m. tonight.

The Irish have won 25 of their last 28 and sit atop the Big East standings with a 13-2 mark. Meanwhile Michigan is 21-18 with an even 9-9 record in Big Ten play.

Notre Dame won 17 straight games before seeing that streak snapped at home against Eastern Michigan, 5-3, April 15. There have been numerous contributors to the team's success this season.

Notre Dame's lineup, led by first baseman Matt Edwards and second baseman Steve Sollmann have teed off of late. The Irish lineup scorched Indiana University-Purdue University for 20 hits Thursday, a day after banging out 13 hits against Cleveland State.

Sollmann leads the club with a .401 average and 29 RBIs. He missed two games last

week with a slightly injured hand, but played in all three games against Connecticut. Edwards has had a breakout year after missing all but nine games during the 2002 Irish campaign. He enters tonight's game leading the Big East conference with 53 RBIs in only 42 games. Edwards also leads the Irish with seven home runs and is second behind Sollmann with a .370 average.

Notre Dame has played several freshmen throughout the season, and each has made big contributions. Craig Cooper, Brennan Grogan, Greg Lopez and Steve Andres have all seen significant playing time, while classmates Matt Bransfield and Alex Netthey have played in nearly 20 games each.

But the biggest difference for the Irish this season may be their solid pitching staff. Chris Neisel, John Axford and Ryan Kalita have all made big contributions as a starting rotation. With the addition of injured Pete Ogilvie into that staff, Notre Dame becomes even deeper. Ogilvie is set to start against the Wolverines

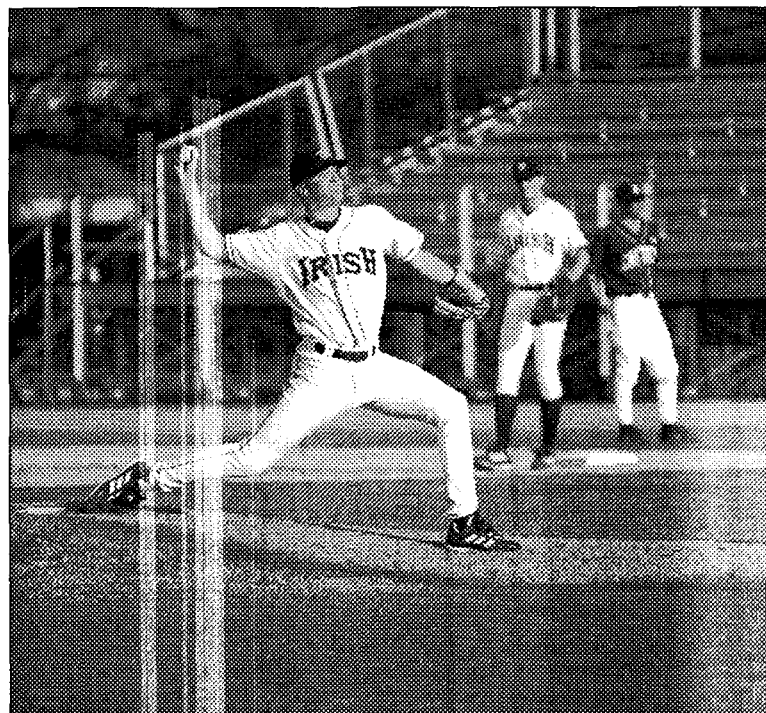
tonight. He won his first decision of the year against Cleveland State, going 4 1/3 innings and striking out a career-high eight Viking batters.

The Irish have pitched exceptionally well as a group, despite the loss of ace Grant Johnson to shoulder surgery in December. The right-hander has missed the entire season.

Notre Dame's pitchers will need another solid outing tonight if they hope to down the Wolverines. Brock Loman leads the team with a .392 average. He's also drilled seven round trippers and knocked in 42 in 39 games. Teammate Jake Fox leads the club with 11 dingers and 46 RBIs. In all Michigan has six players batting above the .300 clip for the season.

Michigan's concern will likely be how their pitching staff fares against the Irish lineup. The Wolverines staff ERA hovers above 5.50 runs per game. The Irish staff has an ERA of only 3.34 for the season.

The Irish have a difficult stretch after the Michigan game. After playing Oakland



SOFIA BALLON/The Observer

Senior Peter Ogilvie pitches during Notre Dame's April 15 loss to Eastern Michigan that broke their 17 game winning streak.

Wednesday, Notre Dame has a crucial three-game series against West Virginia and Rutgers, two teams breathing down Notre Dame's neck in the Big East standings.

The first pitch for tonight's contest is set for 7:30 p.m.

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senior. Although Notre Dame was one of the last schools to show interest in Carter — trailing schools like Penn, Rutgers and West Virginia — the Irish coaches began attending his games and started heavily recruiting him soon after.

Carter knew he would pick Notre Dame over William and Mary, the other finalist in the chase for Carter, even before he set foot on campus last weekend. Playing pickup games with members of the Irish team — "It didn't feel awkward, and I felt like I was one of the guys," he said — and attending the Blue-Gold game only solidified his decision.

"I knew where I was going, I just didn't want to tell. I wanted you guys to sweat," Carter said. "There had to be some suspense when I was coming up there this weekend."

The Philadelphia Inquirer's South Jersey boys player of the year, Carter averaged 30 points, 11.2 rebounds and 3.4 assists during his senior season. Neither Carter nor the Irish coaching staff said his knee would hamper his play.

Another factor in Carter's decision was the approach of the William and Mary coaching staff. He listened to appeals from head coach Rick Boyages who promised Carter William and Mary was the best fit, and no other college could offer what William and Mary could.

"The next day, he left," Carter said of Boyages' decision to take

an associate coaching position at Ohio State. "That put things in perspective there."

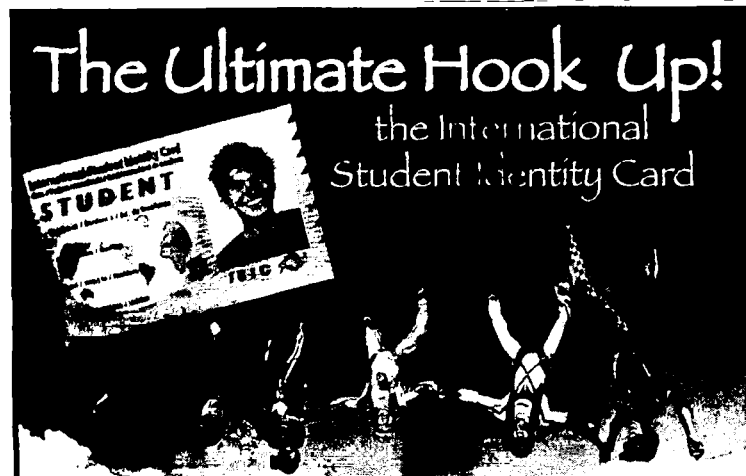
Carter's addition to the Notre Dame roster this fall means the Irish will have 11 scholarship players on the roster in the fall, two below the NCAA maximum. The Irish could potentially add former Arizona forward Dennis Latimore, a transfer with two

years of college eligibility remaining.

Although the rest of the Irish — including Falls and Israel — will arrive on campus in mid-June to begin practicing together, Carter isn't scheduled to graduate from high school until late in the summer. However, he said he hopes to be practicing with the team by July 1.

"The bottom line is that I want to play, but if I'm not starting, I'm going to come off the bench to be a spark," Carter said. "I'm going to be in there, and when I'm on the floor, I'm going to make an impact."

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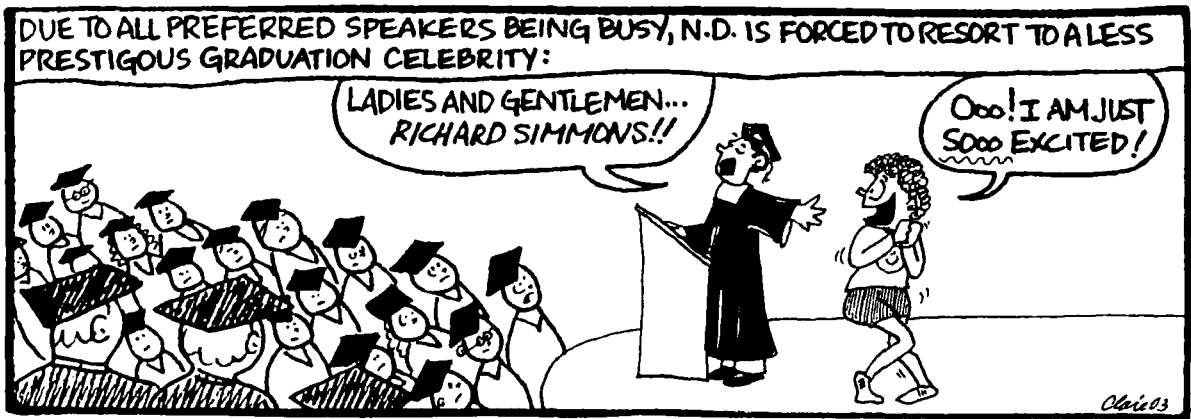
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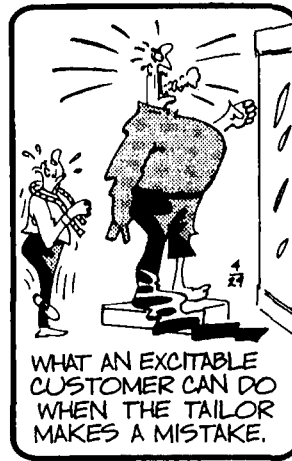
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Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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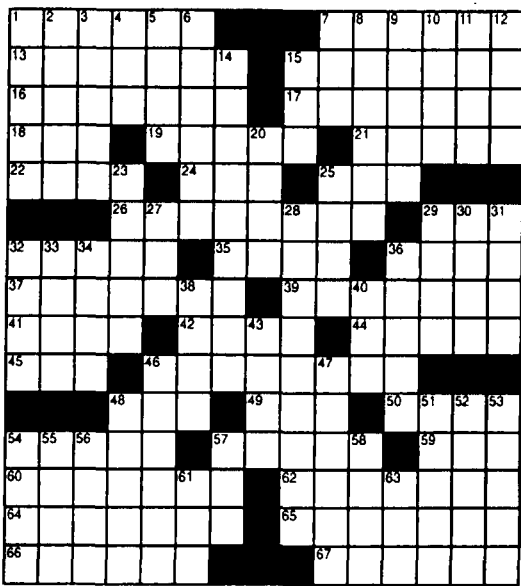
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Agent Mulder's show, with "The"
 - 7 Garment that may have advertising
 - 13 Chef's collection
 - 15 Pythagorean
 - 16 High-spirited horse
 - 17 Get off at the terminal
 - 18 Starchy tuber
 - 19 Hammer features
 - 21 Mortise's partner
 - 22 It rides on runners
 - 24 Hurler's stat.
 - 25 "___" the season
 - 26 Acting through the skin
 - 29 Gun, as an engine
- DOWN**
- 32 "Saturday Night Fever" music
 - 35 Rat Pack cohort of Frank
 - 36 Tennessee team, for short
 - 37 Queen mother, e.g.
 - 39 Pasta with pockets
 - 41 On the road
 - 42 Disarrange
 - 44 The Dow, e.g.
 - 45 Big fat mouth
 - 46 Nixon bested him
 - 48 Director Van Sant
 - 49 Ginger ___
 - 50 "___ we forget"
 - 54 Autocrats of old
 - 57 One of David's compositions
 - 59 Poke fun at
 - 60 Event for scullers



Puzzle by William Scheub

- 32 Make-or-break time
- 33 Corn Belt state
- 34 Cashless deal
- 36 Record albums, to collectors
- 38 Down Under birds
- 40 Contend (for)
- 43 Relaxing spots
- 46 Sell aggressively
- 47 Analgesic's promise
- 48 Some corruption
- 51 Poetic Muse
- 52 Flapjack topper: Var.
- 53 Skiers' lifts
- 54 Prehistoric predator, for short
- 55 Burn a bit
- 56 Taj Mahal site
- 57 Mushy food
- 58 PC alternatives
- 61 Little bit
- 63 Gangster's gun

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't let your emotions get the better of you today. Don't take comments made by others to heart, but rather look forward and focus on the positive. ★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): If you aren't happy with your surroundings, take the initiative to do something about it. Take control of your situation. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You should consider what you can do for others — not what they can do for you. You will be surprised at how much you will get in return. ★★★★★

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): If a positive investment is on the table, take a serious look at it today. Be patient; you will be happy with the end result of your home improvements. ★★★

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SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You can make headway if you contribute to a group aimed at making work conditions better. Do something to ensure that you maintain good health. ★★★

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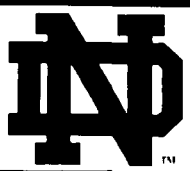
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PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): If you want to make a career move or change your direction, today is a great day to start. You may have to spend a little in order to up your income. ★★

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SPORTS

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

MENS BASKETBALL

Carter knew he would come to ND

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

When Russell Carter was young, his father, a former football player, loved watching the Irish football team play on Saturdays. And as Carter grew up, he longed for the day when he could wear a Notre Dame jersey.

But while his vision of running out of the Notre Dame Stadium tunnel disappeared long ago, his dream of wearing an Irish uniform will become a reality when he jogs onto the Joyce Center court this fall for the basketball team.

"It's kind of weird," Carter said. "When I was little, I always thought I was going to Notre Dame for football. Now, I'm going to be playing basketball."

Following a weekend visit to Notre Dame, the 6-foot-4, 190-pound high school senior guard faxed his official letter of intent Monday to the Irish basketball office, becoming the third member of Notre Dame's incoming freshman class.

Associate head coach Sean

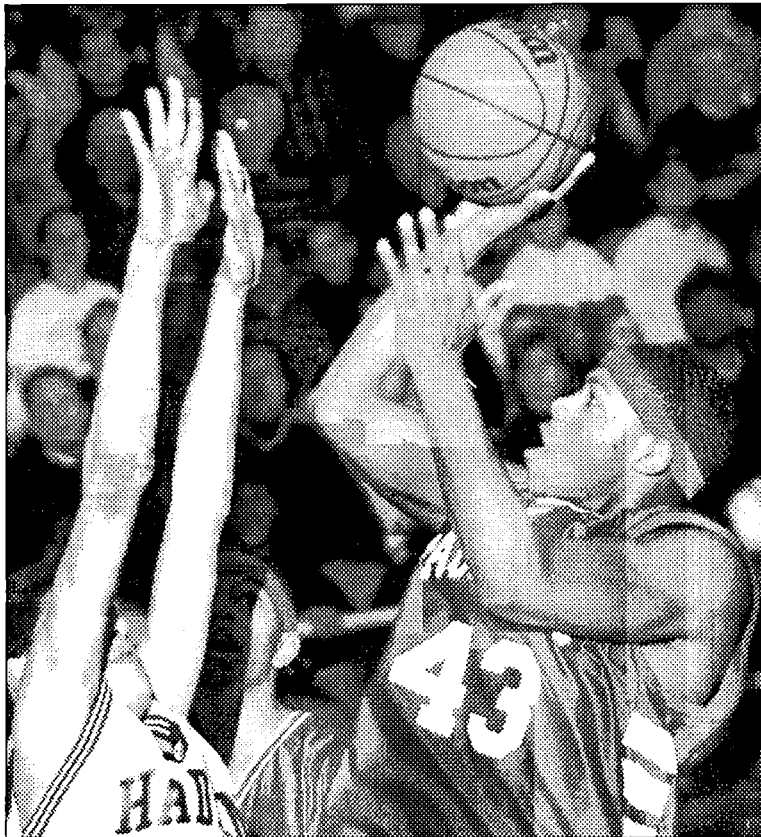
Kearney compared Carter to senior-to-be Torrian Jones, citing Carter's combination of athleticism and shooting range. Carter could easily step in as a freshman next season and contribute, Kearney said, by helping to fill the void vacated by graduating guard Matt Carroll.

"It's a great investment for us," Kearney said. "He's got a very good athletic body, yet can shoot the ball very well. He's a guy at that wing position who can add some depth for us."

Offseason knee surgery largely kept Carter off the recruiting radar during evaluation periods in the summer and fall, when Colin Falls and Omari Israel signed with Notre Dame. Only a handful of colleges showed any interest in Carter, who has a 3.8 GPA and an 1130 SAT score and was determined to pick a school based on its academic reputation.

In February, Carter's coach at Paulsboro High, Mike Ricci, contacted the Notre Dame coaching staff trying to find a high-caliber school interested in his star

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Russell Carter is the third member of Notre Dame's incoming freshman class to commit.

FOOTBALL

Curtin comes clean

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

Now that former Notre Dame offensive tackle Brennan Curtin has been drafted by an NFL team, he figured he could come clean about why the University suspended him for the Gator Bowl.

According to a report in Monday's Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel, Curtin said he was suspended when he asked a former teammate to submit a hair sample for a drug test. Curtin was afraid that brief exposure to marijuana smoke at a party would show up on the drug test, which he was scheduled to take a week later.

Because Notre Dame uses

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GYMNASTICS

Irish win national title in Tex.

By CHRISTIE BOLSEN
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame gymnastics club proved to the nation that it really isn't size that matters — it's how well you perform.

With only six women comprising one of the smallest of the thirty-three teams competing in Austin, Texas at the 2003 National Association of Intercollegiate Gymnastics Clubs (NAIGC) National Championships, the Irish gymnasts brought home a spectacular first place finish. The competition included some college gymnastics powerhouse teams, including Texas A&M, Ohio

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SMC TENNIS

Belles end season on a high note

◆ 3rd straight title is sweeter than others

By LISA REIJULA
Sports Writer

After losing two dual matches in the regular season, the Saint Mary's tennis team found itself in unfamiliar territory. The Belles were seeded second along with Kalamazoo College going into the MIAA conference tournament last weekend. However, revenge proved to be sweet for the Belles, as they dominated the field and took first in the tournament.

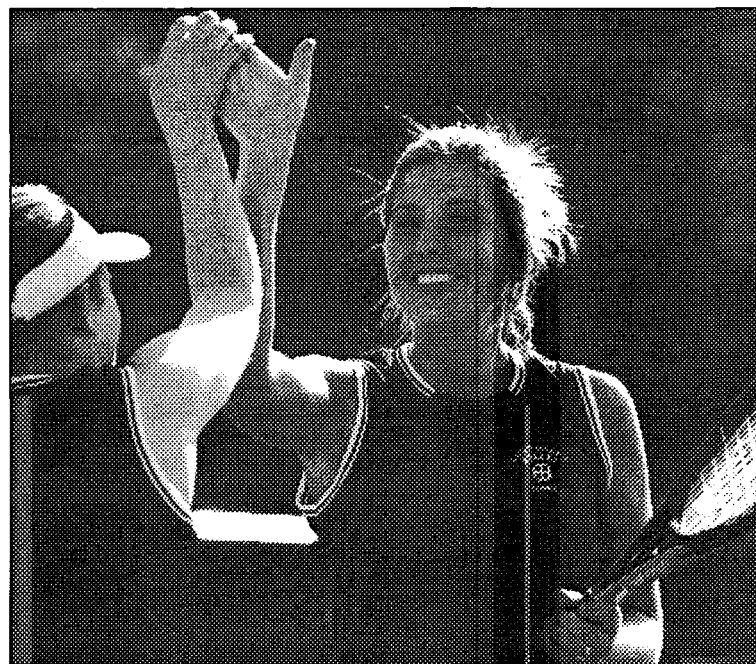
"I think that going into it we felt like the underdog since we had lost two matches," Saint Mary's co-captain Kaitlin Cutler said. "But those matches could have gone either way and we were confident that we could beat the individuals that we had lost to before."

In the championship matches, several Saint Mary's players avenged earlier losses.

Freshman Kristen Palombo won a conference title at No. 2 singles, beating Kara Hoorn of Kalamazoo 7-5, 6-2. Palombo had lost to Hoorn 2-6, 3-6 when the two teams met earlier this season in a 5-4 Kalamazoo victory April 2.

"I hadn't expected to get that far," Palombo said of her title. "It was an amazing atmosphere; everyone on our team was winning and it gave me extra motivation. The great part was how most of us beat people that we had lost to in the regular season. That definitely got us pumped up."

Saint Mary's Kris Spriggle defeated Karen Dumas of Albion to win the No. 4 singles championship, 3-6, 7-6 (5), 6-3. The two players also went three sets April 8 when their teams faced off in a dual match. Dumas won that contest, edging Spriggle out



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Jeannle Knish celebrates with a teammate after her match against Calvin College on April 23.

6-3, 3-6, 6-2 in an 8-1 Albion win.

"There were so many strong players this year and

it was really who was better on that day," Cutler said.

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

BASEBALL

Notre Dame vs. Michigan
Tonight, 7:30 p.m.

Building off a three-game sweep of Connecticut, the Irish travel to Comstock Park to face the Wolverines.

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ND SOFTBALL

Notre Dame at Depaul
Today, 4 p.m.

After losing to the Blue Demons 11-2 in March, the Irish have a full squad and look to upset the No. 7 team.

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SMC SOFTBALL

Alma 9-8
Saint Mary's 0-0

Stuck in a seven-game losing streak, the Belles managed only one hit against the Scots in a doubleheader.

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TRACK AND FIELD

The Irish got in some final preparations for the upcoming Big East Championship at the Drake Relays and Boilermaker Open over the weekend.

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